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Gloomy prices and production forecasts pinpoint Mr Healey's dilemma

ncial dilemma facing Mr his Budget to be presented rnoon consists of keeping *solvent while preserving* l contract (our Economics rites). Latest figures from ederation of British Industry and the Central Statistical Office present a gloomy picture of a far-reaching cash crisis with production levelling out below last year's figures.

The CBI said that the balance of investment intentions was the worst for 16 years except for the severely deflationary period of 1966.

Exporters appear to be finding their price advantage over competitors being rapidly eroded. Our Political Correspondent says it is expected that motorists will have to pay more in road tax and petrol duty and that duties on wines, spirits and luxury goods will be raised. Public spending will suffer, and rates may have to go up if central government support is reduced.

Industrial burdens disclosed on eve of Budget

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flict was epitomized The Department of *eported that prices* of and fuels purchased acturers leapt 3¼ per tober alone, thus end- eadier trend of indus- labour costs between nd September. The *Confederation of British Industry's Industrial Trends Survey*, out yesterday, shows "strong evidence of the widespread nature of the deterioration in corporate liquidity that has *taken place and that is expected* to take place".

The Central Statistical Office yesterday reported that industrial production has levelled out about 1 per cent below the *level of a year ago. The Department* of Industry reported retail sales also running flat.

If the Chancellor is to try to ease companies' cash difficulties by relaxing price controls, *as he is widely assumed to be* planning in the promised review of the price code to be published with the Budget today, consumers will face a double increase in prices. For companies will be trying to restore their cash flow and profit margins at the same time as they are passing on the new cost increases they faced last month.

To impose that kind of double burden on household budgets just when threshold arrangements are due to expire, with payments at the end of this month when the retail price index is published, might be the despair of those prominent trade union leaders who are still struggling to uphold the social contract. Yet if companies are not given relief through price controls and tax easements, the outlook for employment and investment will be bleak, as the CBI survey indicates.

Although there has not yet been much increase in unused capacity and in unemployment in manufacturing industry, the outlook for employment is distinctly weaker, according to the CBI survey. The fact, however, that this is one of the least depressed components of the survey suggests discouragingly *that the Chancellor may have* very little room for general reflation on pain of running into bottlenecks in the economy, causing critical prices to rise and sucking in additional imports, *which* the balance of payments can ill afford.

The worst pessimism is about investment, although the sharp decline in the prospects for exports may be even more serious for the Chancellor. The CBI comments that the balance of investment intentions is "the *worst* in the 16-year history of the survey with the sole exception of that recorded . . . (after the severely deflationary measures in 1966". Lack of cash and spare capacity are the main reasons.

The balance of firms expecting an increase in export orders is the lowest since 1960. The evidence suggests that exporters are finding their price advantages over competitors, which they enjoyed following the 20 per cent devaluation of the pound when it floated down *after June, 1972, are being* eroded fast. Also shortages of credit and finance are cited by twice as many firms as three months ago, although that is not as important a factor as *economic and political conditions* in export markets.

Thus the trick the Chancellor apparently has to pull is to give employers a huge cash transfusion without taking spending *power out of the pockets of* individuals and without adding more than marginally to the total flow of spending in the economy. To succeed he will have needed, it seems, the advice of alchemists rather than of economists.

Widespread sacrifices: It is taken for granted that there will have to be sacrifices from all except the poorest in society (our Political Correspondent writes). It is expected *that* motorists will have to pay more in road tax and petrol duty, and that there will be higher duties on wines, spirits and luxury goods.

Warnings have already been given that there will be cuts or enforced deferments of public expenditure, and local authorities may have to increase the rates to make up *for a reduction in central* government support.

Those cuts may not be applied immediately, but advance notice will be given to the local councillors of what lies ahead. On the other hand, Mr Healey may go some way towards meeting the requests of the Child Poverty Action Group and others for improvements in family allowances, extending them perhaps to the first child, and in reducing the impact of income tax on the lower paid.

He will begin his speech at about 3.30 pm and will speak for about ninety minutes. Because of the wide range of his proposals it is expected that there will have to be a bulky Finance Bill, and possibly another Bill to deal with various energy conservation measures and the taxing of profits from North Sea oil.

Mr Healey's main political difficulty is to avoid the wrath of Labour left-wingers, who will create trouble if the Chancellor appears to be switching too large a part of the nation's resources to helping private industry while public expenditure is held back.

He will also have to ensure *that his proposals on prices* do not cause difficulties with the unions on the social contract; but his general aim of reflation in the private sector to protect job prospects is likely to please *MPs in all parts of the House.*

Mr Healey gave the details of his Budget to a full meeting of the Cabinet at 10 Downing Street yesterday and left when ministers turned to other business, so that he could get back to the Treasury to prepare for today's big event.

Mr Jock Bruce-Gardyne, Conservative MP for Angus, South, until the general election, speaking to Westminster Young Conservatives last night gave the Chancellor a warning about interfering with private industry.

He said that quite possibly

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Israel minister faces hostile Opposition over austerity plan

Jerusalem, Nov 11.—Mr Yehoshua Rabinowitz, the Israel Finance Minister, said today that the Government's stern austerity measures, if followed *properly, would halt inflation* and result in an improved balance of payments.

He was addressing the Knesset after trade union leaders had warned the Government that there could be trouble *from* workers angry at the huge price rises announced yesterday, together with a devaluation of the Israel pound.

"If we give in to pressures, or halt in our path, all the burdens we have placed on the public will have been in vain", Mr Rabinowitz declared. He expected that the devaluation and other measures should cut consumer demand by about 50 per cent by next year.

Altogether the measures would lead to an estimated 17 per cent increase in the cost of living, but he hoped part of this would *be absorbed by manufacturers* and not passed on to consumers.

His statement was being followed by a debate, after which the Likud opposition announced it would vote against the Gov*ernment and propose its own* alternative economic programme.

The minister said that heavy punishment would be meted out to anyone found failing to pay *the proper income tax or breaching* foreign currency regulations. He called on the Histadrut trades union federation to recognize its national duty in helping to implement the new programme.

But Histadrut officials had earlier told him that they would find it difficult, if not impossible, to restrain their members who resented the sudden price *increases.*

The measures tripled the price of sugar, and doubled the price of bread and most other staple foodstuffs. Bus fares will go up by about 40 per cent and electricity will be almost twice as dear.

The union officials said there might be repetitions of yesterday's protest demonstration in the poor Hatikva area of Tel Aviv, in which police cars were stoned, buses damaged and scores of windows smashed.

In fact *hundreds of Hatikya* youths skirmished with police again today, throwing stones and breaking windows. Fifteen persons were arrested—Reuter.

Our Economics Staff writes: There was some surprise in international financial circles yesterday that the Israel Government chose to describe the weekend devaluation as one of *43 per cent. The correct description* of the rate change from 4.20 Israel pounds to the United States dollar to 6.00 pounds to the dollar is a devaluation of exactly 30 per cent.

This is because *the International* Monetary Fund and all other official bodies calculate a devaluation or revaluation in terms of the changed value of one unit of the local currency concerned in terms of the dollar, or any other unchanged currency. Thus the Israel pound was worth 23.8095 United States cents before the devaluation and is worth 16.6667 cents now, *a devaluation of 30 per cent.*

Britain's exports to Israel—worth over £160m so far this year—are unlikely to be affected by the devaluation, although Israeli officials in *London are expecting an* increase in sales of their products in Britain.

The largest export—oranges, other citrus fruits, fruit juices and fresh vegetables—is *unlikely to increase its market* share in Britain or to become dramatically cheaper, but imports of Israel-produced processed foods and clothing are expected to rise now that prices have become much more attractive.

Israel bombs Lebanon: Israel aircraft bombed the mountainous Arqoub border region of south-east Lebanon today, killing two civilians and wounding three other people, including a *Palestinian* guerrilla, according to local residents quoted by Reuter.

Earlier, Israeli troops had machine-gunned the village of Shabaa, two miles from the border, for 40 minutes, seriously wounding one villager and damaging several houses. An Israeli spokesman in Jerusalem said the raid was directed against guerrilla concentrations.

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ers divided over Mr ath's leadership

r per cent of Tory sup- think Mr Heath should party leader, according rst post-election survey ion Research Centre. per cent of all voters he should be replaced immediately or before t general election. Mr Whitelaw is well ahead in popular opinion as the man most favoured to take over, with Mr Powell as his nearest rival.

A survey of voting intentions shows Labour leading by 2 per cent over the Conservatives.

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Henry Jackson called at for the Atlantic o force a cut *in* oil Speaking at the Pil- *inner* in London, he the establishment of ial Council of Econo- Financial Ministers" to work out a new strategy for economic survival. Senator Jackson, as chairman of the Senate committee on interior affairs, has had a big influence *on American energy policy.* In his speech, he also called for mandatory energy conservation *to limit demand.*

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Denness unfit

Michael Denness, the MCC captain, is unlikely to play in the match against New South Wales, starting in Sydney on Friday. While the team leaves Mel*bourne today he is to enter a* hospital there for further medical examination following X-Ray and blood tests which had already been carried out as a result of a suspected virus infection.

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Sugar on the move: As workers were releasing about 30,000 tons of refined sugar from Tate and Lyle's refinery at *Silvertown yesterday, Mrs Williams,* Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, appealed to grocers to ensure that pensioners get a fair share of sugar stocks. In a Commons *written reply, she said she* believed that retailers were cooperating willingly. Her department had received numerous complaints from all parts of the country about the practice of com*pelling customers to buy a specific* quantity of goods

Lord Lucan called at friend's home three hours after woman's murder

By Michael Horsnell
and Clive Borrell

Lord Lucan called at the home of a friend, Mr Ian Maxwell-Scott, a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk, at Uckfield, Sussex, late on Thursday night, it was learnt yesterday. *That was about three hours* after the murder of his children's nannie and the attack on his wife.

The two have known each other for about 20 years and *occasionally* gambled together at the Clermont Club in Mayfair; but on Thursday Mr Maxwell-Scott was in London and only his wife, Mrs Susan Maxwell-Scott, and two of her children were at home.

Mrs Maxwell-Scott, aged 38, said yesterday: "I was very surprised when he [Lord Lucan] arrived at about 11.30 at night and stayed until about 1.15 am, during which time he wrote those two letters to Mr William Shand-Kydd, his brother-in-law. He also telephoned to his mother at about 12.15."

Mrs. Maxwell-Scott, mother of six children, who has made a statement to the police about Lord Lucan's visit, would not comment on his demeanour, his appearance, or their conversation. She also declined to say whether he sought advice from her or whether she gave any. She added that Lord Lucan declined a meal and left in a car.

"Lord Lucan was a friend of my husband before my husband and I were married; a social friend", she said.

Friends of Lord Lucan with whom he may be staying were asked last *night* by Scotland Yard to get in touch with them immediately. "He is wanted urgently for questioning", Det Chief Supt Roy Ranson said. He is the officer in charge of the investigation into the death of Mrs Sandra Rivett, aged 29, nursemaid of his three children, and the attack on his wife at *her home in Lower Belgrave* Street, London. "We are not searching for anyone else", Mr Ranson added.

An armed police guard has been placed on the ward at St *George's Hospital, where* Lady Lucan is recovering from severe head injuries inflicted by a man who attacked her. She arrived at her home as a man was trying to carry away *Mrs* Rivett's body in a sack from a basement flat.

Lady Lucan has described her attacker and given the police a name, she says she recognized the man before he escaped. Interpol has been alerted and a description of the man has been sent to all European air and sea ports.

Reports that Lord Lucan, aged 39, crossed to Dieppe on the Newhaven ferry at the weekend were discounted by the police last night.

Mr Wilson: All must observe social contract

The crucial importance of the social contract in government policies for restoring the United Kingdom to economic and social strength received the main emphasis in Mr Wilson's speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall last night.

The Prime Minister *reaffirmed* in no uncertain terms the Government's desire to ensure a vigorous, responsible and profitable private sector working with the Government and bringing *together the interests of management* and workers.

But he pointed out that the social contract carried obligations for all those who accepted it as the basis for promoting social justice.

Pledges would be fulfilled but social justice "cannot be carried out if other partners in what must be a social contract of all who contribute to the life and activity of the *nation* are seeking to redistribute resources in their own favour. That applies as much to the board room as to the shop floor".

The Lord Mayor of London, *Alderman Sir Murray Fox, said*: "Industry needs a clear lead so that it can plan five, seven, ten years ahead, and get the cooperation of everybody involved in the best way to do the job."

75 mph gusts as gales lash Britain

Gales and heavy rain caused *damage across Britain yesterday.* Gusts of up to 75 mph were recorded in Scotland and in Dorset a *removal lorry and* a car were overturned by wind.

The AA said conditions on motorways and exposed roads were hazardous in 33 counties and the Meteorological Office gave a warning that the gales would continue for several days.

Many roads were flooded in the West Country and flood alerts were issued for four rivers in North Wales. Some hovercraft services were cancelled because of gales in the *Channel.*

A Fleetwood trawler, the Boston Attacker, told coastguards at Formby, Merseyside, yesterday that she was safe after two days of radio silence. The radio operator had *been* unable to make contact because of the weather.

Seven miners killed as mud bursts into shaft

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Nov 11

At least seven miners were killed when hundreds of tons of muddy slime washed down a shaft at the Impala platinum mine at Bafokeng, near Rustenburg, 100 miles from here today.

Two of the dead men were whites. A company official said: "It is not possible to ascertain the precise loss of life."

Rescue teams were searching at various levels down the shaft for any miners who might still be trapped and roll calls were being taken on the surface and *in the African compounds*

Between 2,000 and 3,000 men were working below surface when hundreds of tons of slime poured over the collar of the shaft. Most of them managed to reach the surface

The accident happened after heavy rain, which has been lashing most of South Africa for several days, forced a break in the mine's main slimes dam, which holds *the* muddy residue from the main ore crushing operation.

Thousands of tons of the *slime poured through a break* in the dam wall, swept away an electrical power sub-station and other surface installations before pouring down the 18ft wide shaft, which lay directly in its path.

The Impala mine also had trouble of a different sort. Ten men have been arrested at Springs, near Johannesburg, in connexion with an alleged theft of refined platinum worth £3,750,000. According to police, the metal was smuggled out of the refining plant, owned by Impala Platinum, a subsidiary *of Union Corporation, during* 12 months. Platinum is worth £83 an ounce at free market prices.

Tunnel victory

A motion proposing that the Channel Tunnel Bill should be resumed in the present Parliament at its report stage, the point reached when the House was dissolved in September, was carried in the Commons last night by 168 votes to 115, in spite of strong opposition from some Labour and Conservative backbenchers.

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Path to EEC summit is full of obstacles

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Nov 11

The path to the proposed EEC Paris summit in December appeared heavily strewn with boulders when foreign mini*sters of the Nine met for their* first full day of preparations in Brussels today.

The Irish and Italian ministers were prepared, tactically at least, to block the entire *exercise unless they had some* assurance that an adequate regional fund would emerge from the Paris meeting. But the working assumption was that it would take place in Paris on December 9 and 10, and would cover inflation, unemployment, energy, regional and social problems and improvements in the EEC's creaking decision-making machinery.

Britain's renegotiation demand will also be discussed. Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, announced that Mr Wilson would be explaining the Government's renegotiation position at the Paris meeting. The Prime Minister looked to the summit *to give new impetus to bring renegotiations to a satisfactory* conclusion in the early spring, the Foreign Secretary said.

If a solution to the problem of Britain's contribution to the EEC budget had not been found *by then, the Government hoped* the summit would give the Commission further guidelines which would help towards a solution. The foreign ministers will be grasping this nettle for the first time here tomorrow.

Mr Callaghan reacted cautiously to a German proposal for a common EEC passport, indicating that it involved many complicated problems of nationality. *But it was agreed*

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North-west miners' leaders vote to recommend rejection of coal board's productivity scheme

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The likelihood of a "no" vote in the crucial ballot on a productivity scheme increased yesterday when leaders of 10,000 North-west coalminers voted by two to one to recommend rejection.

Such a decision, taken in a traditionally moderate coalfield, is a strong pointer to a marginal vote against the coal board's incentive package in the secret ballot beginning tomorrow. In the wake of deeply critical speeches from the board, leading moderates in the National Union of Mineworkers are apprehensively awaiting the outcome of the vote.

After North-west miners' leaders had voted 11 to six to endorse the national executive's recommendation to reject the productivity deal, Mr Sidney Vincent, the area secretary, blamed "armchair critics in dinner suits and dicky bows for interfering in a democratic process".

That was a pointed reference to Mr Wilfrid Miron, the board member responsible for the South Wales and Midlands areas, who criticized "latter-day Lenins" and "saboteurs of the social contract" within the NUM leadership for risking another clash with the Government. The speech was delivered at a dinner, and Mr Miron was in evening dress.

In a further manifestation of the taut political atmosphere in the coalfields, left-wing leaders of the Scottish miners walked out of consultative talks with local management in protest at what they called the board's "gross interference" in the NUM ballot. The militants said the NCB's newspaper advertising campaign to inform miners about the scheme was an impertinence. The inference was that the union was not informing its own members.

As the campaign between supporters and opponents of the productivity scheme moves into its final hours, the labour relations atmosphere moves closer to hysteria. Moderate NUM officials who only a week ago were confident that the coal board's package would secure a slim majority in favour, despite the executive's 14—12 vote to recommend rejection, now fear the ballot will go marginally in favour of the militants.

Mr Len Clarke, president of the Nottinghamshire area, the only big coalfield advising miners to defy the executive's advice, said a vote against the scheme was a vote for "communism, confrontation and chaos", while a vote in favour was a vote for "coal, cash and the country".

Area councils in 11 of the 18 NUM areas have now endorsed the militant recommendation. On paper, that shows about 190,000 members against the scheme and 83,000 in favour, but the vote will be much closer than that crude calculation because many miners will listen to the coal board rather than their leaders. Left-wing leaders hope for a substantial majority but do not expect a runaway victory as in February's pro-strike vote.

Whichever way the ballot goes, the time for the miners' annual pay claim is approaching. The normal post-conference meeting of the NUM's national joint negotiating committee to examine wages questions is tomorrow, when militants will argue for rises of up to £30 a week.

That became clear yesterday after the Scottish leaders had said that the men should reject the incentive scheme and press for at least £30 for face workers with pro rata rises for other workers, putting face men on £75 a week.

He said the union felt that coal production should be increased through expanding the industry with greater investment, new thinking and improved technology. "But to expand the industry we require increased manpower, and to get manpower they must pay. The day of the cheap miner is gone."

The miners' present agreement, reached with the coal board after the minority Labour Government took office in the wake of the second national pit strike in two years, remains in force until March. A new pay claim is likely just before Christmas, with serious bargaining beginning early in the new year.

The coal board is more optimistic than NUM moderates about the outcome of the ballot. It has mounted a vigorous publicity campaign outlining the cash benefits of the incentive scheme.

Mr Ray Hunter, NCB Western areas director, yesterday expressed dismay that the vote was being turned into a test of loyalty to the union. He said: "That is not the issue. We believe that the offer ought to be satisfactory to the men, the union and the country."

Universities to study postgraduate question

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

The vice-chancellors of Britain's universities are to undertake a detailed study of postgraduate education. They will be looking at the vexed question of how much postgraduates should be paid for lecturing and tutorial work as well as how many postgraduates there ought to be and what kind of courses and research they should be studying and undertaking.

The group of 19 vice-chancellors will be chaired by Sir Derman Christopherson, of Durham University. He said they hoped to complete the report next summer.

As well as consulting the University Grants Committee and the research councils, the group would also seek the views of industry and commerce.

A select committee of the House of Commons last January criticized the way postgraduates were selected and the lack of motivation and vocation in their courses. It suggested that the Government should exercise more control in selecting students. They also suggested that overseas students, who form about a fifth of the country's 55,000 postgraduate students, should pay the full fees.

There are now fears that the Government, seeking economies, may implement that advice and look for ways to prune the budget for postgraduate education.

Sir Derman said: "There were aspects of the select committee's report which were not expressed in the way we would like them to have been. There is another part of the story which it is the universities' responsibility to tell."

The group's main terms of reference will be to get the views of all concerned in postgraduate education and to advise the Committee of Vice-Chancellors on helping universities to plan their postgraduate provision. It will look at the balance between research and taught courses and the extent to which the courses should be directed towards vocations.

Sir Derman said universities had always regarded the sponsoring of postgraduate study as one of their central functions.

Outlook for education funds not so gloomy

By Our Education Correspondent

Education may not get such a hammering from today's Budget as many authorities and teachers had been led to expect from the speech made by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last Friday.

In it Mr Prentice warned the nation that schoolchildren would have to share in the overall sacrifices. But since then he has announced another £4.3m grant for nursery schools, and yesterday he gave some details of England's share of a £31m allocation for improving and replacing old primary schools.

The share is £29m (the rest goes to Wales). Of that £20m goes on "major projects" to replace or improve 105 schools in 71 local authority areas. The remaining £9m will go on schemes of less than £50,000 (minor works).

At one time educationists had feared that Mr Prentice might be told to call a halt to any educational growth whatsoever. Local authorities would have got no increases in real terms to account for inflation. That would have meant no additional teachers, no voluntary awards for students in further education, and many other areas of education would have had to be cut.

The "no growth" option had in fact been prepared by the civil servants in his department. But the Treasury has allowed him to give his blessing to a modicum of improvement.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary-designate of the National Union of Teachers, said he was very worried about any proposal to cut the 510,000 teacher target by 1981. He called on Mr Prentice to set up an inquiry into teacher requirements to be undertaken either by the Manpower Services Commission or by the National Foundation for Educational Research. Scotland had undertaken such a survey, he said.

Mr Max Morris, a former president of the union, appealed to the Chancellor last night to reverse the cuts in education. Otherwise the practice of asking secondary school pupils to buy their books would grow, and more local authorities would be discussing whether to make pupils pay for their examination entries, he said.

He told the teachers' association at Bishop Auckland, co Durham: "This is a slippery slope at the foot of which lies the road that returns to the bad old days of the 1930s when fees were not uncommon for secondary schools." Already children's chances in life had been impaired because inflation had drastically reduced the value of allowances given to schools for paper, books, materials and equipment.

Car-wiper tube used to bring back life

From Our Correspondent
Lincoln

A Bury nurse used plastic pipe from a car screen-washer to restore t a Newcastle upon Tyne w whose heart had stopped a road accident.

Mrs Margaret Mary Orr, aged 32, was ser injured when a car driv her husband rolled over a puncture on the A1 near tham.

Mrs Deirdre Exton, a ca nursing officer at Bury G Hospital, was in a car b She said yesterday: "We for a piece of tubing mechanic ripped a tube the windscreen-washer m ism of the wrecked car. W this to clear Mrs Blai windpipe.

"I always carry a resp and we gave her mouth-to-respiration too, and then a heart massage. After seconds the pulse came ba it was still very weak. W her going until the amb came."

Mrs Exton was helped daughter-in-law, Sister Exton, who also works Bury hospital, and husband, Police-Constable Exton helped Mr Blair-C of the car.

The couple were tal Grantham Hospital. Mrs Orr, herself a nurse, was ferred last night to Lodge Hospital, Sheffield, with spinal injuries. Mr Blair hospital administrator, w charged after treatment.

Grantham police "There seems little dou Mrs Blair-Orr would hav but for the two nurses' action."

Disruption again on Eastern Region

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Commuters on British Rail Eastern Region between London and Norwich face disruption of services again today as a 24-hour protest strike by signalmen continues until 2 pm.

Services from Liverpool Street to Norwich have been ending at Diss and British Rail has provided a bus link between Diss and Norwich. Local services to Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Ely and Cromer have also been cut by the unofficial stoppage.

The strikes are the latest in a series of actions by signalmen who are angry at their treatment under a recently agreed new pay structure for all British Rail staff. Signalmen on the Southern Region, which has already been hit by the stoppages, are threatening to come out again next week.

They say that under the new structure men working in the lowest classification of signal box, graded by the type of equipment they use and the amount of traffic they handle, receive only 30p above the weekly pay for a leading railman, despite much greater responsibility.

The board is unlikely to concede any pay increases above the present structure, which was awarded by an industrial tribunal.

Union officials deny ballot-rigging

Mr Douglas Macleod, chairman of an engineering union branch, and Mr Thomas Dunn, his former secretary, denied in the High Court in Glasgow yesterday rigging a union ballot.

Mr Macleod, of Cantislaw Drive, and Mr Dunn, of Laurenstone Terrace, both in East Kilbride, Strathclyde, both denied forging 200 members' signatures last August.

Mr Macleod is chairman and secretary of No 3 district branch of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers at East Kilbride, and Mr Dunn is a former secretary.

The charge alleges that they certified a return sheet saying that John Byrne a candidate had received 11 votes and James F. Callan 214 votes. It said that no such ballot had taken place. Members had not received ballot papers and had not voted in the election. It alleges that the signatures had been forged by Mr Macleod.

Mr Peter Winter, office manager at the AUEW offices in London, said the Scottish area ballot showed that Mr Callan had received 2,472 votes and Mr Byrne 2,336 votes, Mr Callan being elected by a narrow majority. A union official had been sent to East Kilbride to investigate, and the branch ballot had been declared void.

Mr Winter said that two letters had arrived at union headquarters from two East Kilbride members alleging irregularities. The letters said that the members had turned up to vote but had been told that the vote had been taken earlier.

Mr John Byrne said he was nominated by his branch as delegate for Scotland for the union's final appeal court. Mr James Callan said he was a member of the Communist Party. He denied that he was present at the East Kilbride ballot.

Mr Robert Birch, a member of the AUEW executive council, was asked if he often had to deal with voting irregularities at branch elections. He replied: "Yes, however distasteful. It is not infrequent."

The trial continues today.

Five journalists sue NUJ

Five journalists of *The Sun* who were cautioned by the National Union of Journalists about their conduct during a mandatory meeting of the newspaper chapel (office branch) sued the union yesterday for damages and a declaration over the calling of such meetings.

Mr William Maclelland, one of the five, attended the meeting, which lasted three days and a half, but left after six hours and went back to work. The other four, Raymond Mills, Michael Terry, Alan Howell and Elizabeth Prosser, did not attend the meeting.

All five alleged irregularities in the calling of the meeting and said it contravened agreements made by the staff with their employers.

Mr G. B. H. Dillon, QC for the five, said the meeting was brought about by the dismissal of a photographer named Kemp concerning his duty in Belfast. The mandatory meeting was called and it seemed that the NUJ interpretation of union rules was that members need not attend all the time, so long as they did not work for the employer during the meeting.

Mr Dillon told Mr Justice Whitford that he would be asked to decide whether the meeting was properly convened and if it contravened various agreements between the management and employees. There were two actions, one by Mr Maclelland and one by the other four but it has been agreed that both should be decided on the same evidence.

Mr Maclelland, in evidence, said that in 1972 there were a number of militants on *The Sun*. It became clear to him at the meeting that members were concerned only with one misdemeanour by Mr Kemp and not with another the previous week, when he should have been dismissed. All the chapel wanted to do was to deal with the one incident and bring the paper to a stop.

Mr Maclelland said he believed that if there was a proper dispute the chapel should ask the union's national executive council to withdraw labour.

More nature reserves

The Nature Conservancy Council has acquired 14 sites as nature reserves in its first year and now looks after 280,000 acres, its director, Mr Robert Boote, said yesterday.

Wounded Arabs arrive

Forty Arab soldiers wounded in the war with Israel last year flew to London yesterday for treatment at British Service hospitals at the expense of the Egyptian Government.

Chancellor may heed pleas by child poverty group

Continued from page 1

Mr Healey would offer the punch-drunk private sector the unveiling of the distinguished personality who was to head Mr Wedgwood Benn's National Enterprise Board, or Mr Harold Lever's "bank of last resort", or both. Predictable names had been bandied about.

The idea, Mr Bruce-Gardyne said, was to have someone "profoundly committed to the maintenance of a healthy private sector in a mixed economy". It was the right moment to examine the credentials and motives of those people.

"It is the time to point out that the only partnership which can exist between Wedgwood Benn's Department of Industry and free enterprise is the partnership between the hunter and the prey", he said.

"The second line of defence for their actions presented by the people who assume these posts is that since the Government is determined to erect these new forms of interventionism, it is preferable that they should be guided by those who have the interests of the private sector at heart. Such has been the justification of the quisling down the ages."

Pound falls: The pound fell to its lowest point for 10 months on foreign exchanges yesterday (the Press Association reports). It was more than a cent down on the day against the dollar at 2.3270 after Friday evening's close of 2.3380. Sterling also fell against other major currencies, leaving its effective devaluation level at 19.2 per cent the worst since January 21.

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Lady Brassey suicide verdict

A suicide verdict was recorded at the Westminster inquest yesterday on Lady Brassey, aged 37, the wife of Lord Brassey, a farmer.

Mr Gavin Thurston, the coroner, was told that Lady Brassey, of Ovington Gardens, Chelsea, poisoned herself with chloral hydrate while depressed

Seven years for bomb-attack men

Two members of the Ulster Volunteer Force were jailed by Belfast City Commission yesterday for seven years for bomb attacks in various parts of co Antrim.

David Wilson, aged 19, of Moyle Park and James Rice, aged 18, of Recreation Road, both Larne, pleaded guilty.

Farming crisis 'led to man's suicide

From Our Correspondent
Welshpool

A farmer hanged hims cause he was depressed the agricultural crisis, th ner decided last night Welshpool inquest.

Mr E. B. Roberts reco verdict of suicide on W Richard Roberts, aged Upper Gelli, Cyfronydd, pool.

William James Rober the same address, said his had been depressed fc weeks. He was unable his cattle for realistic pric could see his incom appearing.

His father also feare would not be enough foc his animals this winter.

The coroner said: "T no doubt that he was de and this is attributable to the recent agricultura The very grim and blea pects affected him."

Violent split in Belfast between IRA factions

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

At a time of growing concern among Roman Catholics about the latest vicious upsurge in sectarian violence, evidence has come to light of a new split between the Provisional and official wings of the IRA in Belfast.

Over the past few weeks the Army has noted a gradual increase in militancy by many members of the official IRA in the Province, and late on Sunday it erupted into a prolonged gun battle between the two factions on the strongly republican Bawnmore estate in the north of the city.

Seven men appeared at a special court yesterday in connexion with the incident and throughout the day the estate was sealed by troops as searches continued and weapons were recovered. It appears that the trouble occurred when the Provisionals attempted to regain the upper hand from members of the official IRA, who have been patrolling the small Catholic enclave in recent weeks.

The upsurge in official IRA violence coincides with an attempt to form a breakaway group from the movement intent on reopening a military campaign against the British. Because of their ceasefire, declared in 1972, the official IRA in Northern Ireland has maintained a strong organizational structure. It has not lost men in the same way as the Provisionals and has asserted its strength recently by taking control in a number of areas.

Further evidence of renewed antagonism between the two wings came last night when the official command in Belfast issued a statement attacking the Provisionals for the recent bombing of a bar owned by a Catholic. The statement accused the Provisionals of intimidation, saying that the Monarch bar in Springfield Road had been blown up because it stayed open during the funeral of Hugh Coney, who was shot dead in the Maze prison breakout.

Security experts are convinced that official IRA is making a new bid for power. One source maintained that on two separate days last month army records showed a higher incidence of violence caused by official IRA than by the Provisionals.

After one of Belfast's most violent and bloody weekends this year, Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was told yesterday that the police had discovered important new evidence concerning the sectarian murder campaign and that investigations were continuing.

Last night government sources refused to comment on the evidence, which is regarded as highly significant and is understood to relate to the identities of certain militant Protestant groups who are behind the new wave of killings.

Tracking down the "loyalist" assassination squads is regarded by the security forces as one of the most difficult tasks they face in Ulster. Intelligence experts are convinced that order to kill are handed down to young gunmen, who, even if they are caught, are to o frightened ever to reveal the identities of the men who gave them their orders.

During another shooting incident in the city yesterday a Roman Catholic boy, aged four, was hit by a bullet in the republican New Lodge district. It was not immediately clear whether the shooting was part of a continuing sectarian campaign or the result of IRA gunmen opening fire on an RUC patrol. The boy, named as Kieran O'Neill, was taken to hospital but was not seriously hurt.

Concern about the wave of sectarian violence and its long-term implications has prompted Mr Oliver Napier, leader of the moderate Alliance Party, to write to all other party leaders in the province demanding urgent talks aimed at finding methods of ending the killings.

Plan for Ulster community government

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast

As Ulster's political vacuum causes increasing concern to members of all the parties there, a leading industrialist stepped forward yesterday to propose a solution involving both integration with Westminster and community government at Stormont.

Speaking in Belfast, Sir Frederick Catherwood, former Director-General of the National Economic Development Council, outlined a scheme that would increase the number of Northern Ireland MPs at Westminster from 12 to 20. At the same time, a community government would be set up at Stormont, with a two-thirds majority needed to pass legislation so that no major party would be excluded.

It is not the first time that such a plan has been put forward, but Sir Frederick's suggestion comes at a time when all sides are deeply concerned for the future. As well as being Ulster born, Sir Frederick has been widely tipped locally as a possible candidate to chair the constitutional convention

Later, one of the strongest attacks ever made on the Labour Government by a member of the predominantly Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party was launched by Mr John Hume, one of its most prominent members.

Speaking in Londonderry, he declared that the issue of internment had exposed the "double standards" of the British Labour Party. There had been massive concern shown by the left wing of the party about the Simonstown agreement and the policies of the Greek colonels, yet not a cheep had been heard about the continuation of internment without trial

"It is high time that the British Labour movement was fully aware of the outrage for which it is responsible", he said.

Prisoners back custody orders

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Twenty seven per cent of male prisoners interviewed in a sample survey thought that sentencing people to a period of custody in an institution was a good idea. Eleven per cent said that if they had their way young offenders would be given severe punishment.

The questionnaire was distributed to inmates at Preston prison and Hindley borstal to get their views on the report on young adult offenders by the Advisory Council on the Penal System. Members of Manchester community organizations and a sample of Manchester University's staff were also asked the questions.

The report is written by Mr David Weir, senior lecturer at Manchester Business School, for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) which was invited by the Home Office to do the survey.

Many of the prisoners' replies are predictable, but not, sometimes, the division of opinion. For instance, only 59 per cent of inmates thought it not a good idea to give people a custodial sentence in an institution. Among the community sample, 54 per cent thought custody in an institution a good idea and 27 per cent did not.

Putting people under supervision in the community is favoured by 65 per cent of offenders and 79 per cent of the community sample.

The idea that former offenders should be able to become police officers got slightly more support from the community (44 per cent) than the offenders (42 per cent). The biggest proportion of both groups backed the idea of social and probation work being open to offenders.

Referring to the new proposals concerning young adult offenders, the report says that the custody and control order is unpopular with offenders but commends itself to the community sample.

In the advisory council's report, the custody and control order was proposed to replace the present custodial sentences of imprisonment, borstal training and reference to detention centres. The Supervision and Control Order would be a stronger non-custodial sentence for young adults not at present sentenced in the community.

Attitudes to the Report of the Advisory Council on the Penal System on Young Offenders (Nacro, 125 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11).

Anger in Cheshire at new airport proposal

From John Chartres
Wilmslow, Cheshire

A government-commissioned study recommending the replacement of Manchester and Liverpool airports by a single airport in south Cheshire was described as an academic exercise by Mr J. A. MacCarron, chairman of the Manchester airport consultative committee.

The report, by the METRA consulting group, was commissioned by the Civil Aviation Authority, which passed it on to the committee. The CAA is to consider the suggestions before making recommendations to the Government.

Yesterday the consultative committee, meeting at Wilmslow, decided to point out to the authority that Manchest port, on which some £8 recently spent, now e 4,000 people, and h about three million pass a year. The buildi yet another airport i North-west would result i more environmental an difficulties.

Mr John Boynton, sec of the committee, foreca if the plan for a complete airport goes ahead the ar probably be left with tw ports, Manchester runnin reduced level and a new the middle of Cheshire.

Mr Boynton said that th gest argument against th tinuing development of chester airport was likely about noise

Scientists seek use for nuclear waste

From Pierce Wright
Science Correspondent
Harwell

Ways of turning the most hazardous waste from atomic power stations into a new source of nuclear fuel are being examined by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell.

It means destroying by incineration the substances known as actinides, which present a threat to health for thousands of years. The substances are increasing sharply in volume.

Physicists emphasize the great difficulties in putting the idea into practice.

Waste products can be divided into two categories for their purpose. Fission by-products such as caesium and strontium, with half-lives of 30 years, presenting a danger for many generations, can be treated safely by existing techniques, including storage as liquid wastes in tanks. Their radiation is less dangerous than that of the longer-lived substances.

The second group is produced by conversion of nuclear fuels into higher transuranic elements such as americium, curium and neptunium. Their life is far beyond human timescales, and their radiation gives a very high dose from a tiny amount if absorbed.

Incinerating radioactive materials with lives of thousands of years is no new idea. It happens when plutonium is used as fuel for the new generation of fast reactors.

Scientists face a difficulty in extracting the actinides, but there are indications that that can be achieved.

Mr Thorpe names spokesmen for Liberals

By Our Political Staff

Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, last night announced his appointments of party spokesmen.

They are: Mr David Steel, chief whip; Mr Grimond, energy and Scotland; Mr Pardoe, Treasury affairs; Mr Hooson, agriculture and the law; Mr Russell Johnston, foreign affairs and defence; Mr Wainwright, industry, trade and prices; Mr Cyril Smith, deputy whip and employment; Mr Clement Freud, education and the arts; Mr Beith, home office and Northern Ireland; Mr Howells, Wales; Mr Ross, environment; and Mr David Penhaligon (the new MP for Truro), social services.

On being made deputy whip Mr Smith will take over a number of special functions in the party and membership of various committees from Mr Steel, who wants to engage in more political campaigning, particularly on housing, Europe and defence.

Mail backlog for France, Ulster

Mounting backlogs of mail because of industrial disputes in France and Northern Ireland are causing serious storage difficulties, and the Post Office yesterday repeated its plea to customers not to post letters and parcels under 11lb to France and not to send any surface parcels to Northern Ireland.

More than a million letters and printed papers for France are held up, and more than 70,000 parcels for Northern Ireland.

Six Irish Army men accused

Six Irish Army gunners from McGee barracks, Kildare, were charged at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday with illegally possessing explosives, either gelignite or ammonium nitrate or both, at Enfield, co Kildare.

The police said they were arrested in various parts of the country. Two were given bail. Applications for the four others will be heard today.

Belfast shooting charges

Two men appeared at Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday in connexion with Saturday's shooting of two loyalist leaders in Belfast.

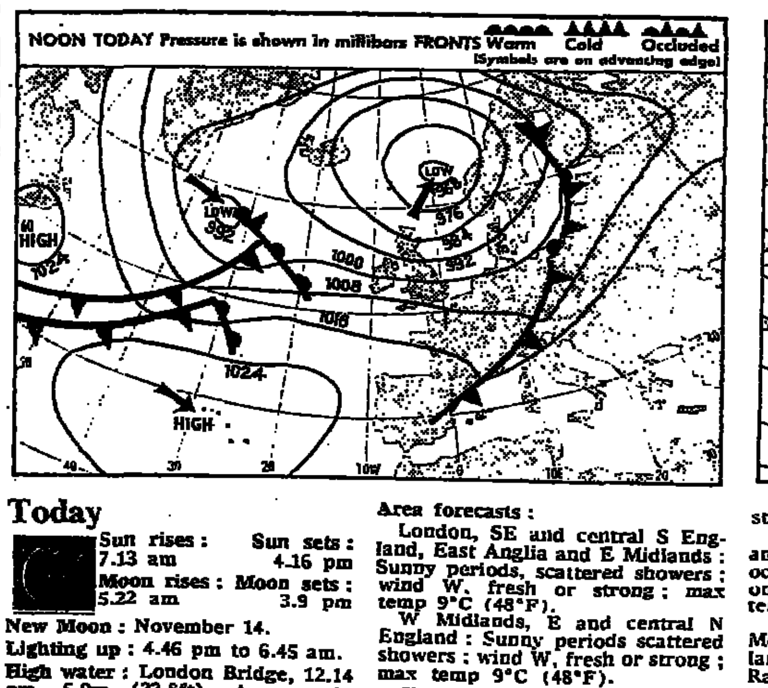
The shot men, Mr Billy Hull, former chairman of the Loyalist Association of Workers, and Mr James Anderson, former Ulster Defence Association chief, are recovering in hospital.

Gerard McCann, aged 26, of Butler Street, Ardoyne, and Ernest Meek, of Valentine Street, New Lodge district, both Belfast, were accused of falsely telling the police that a taxi had been hijacked, knowing at the time there had been an attempt to murder Mr Hull and Mr Anderson.

Both were remanded in custody until today. It is expected that a third man will face charges connected with the same incident.

A man will appear in court today accused of killing John McQuitty, aged 41, of Clovelly Street, in the Springfield district of Belfast, at his home on Saturday night.

Weather forecast and recordings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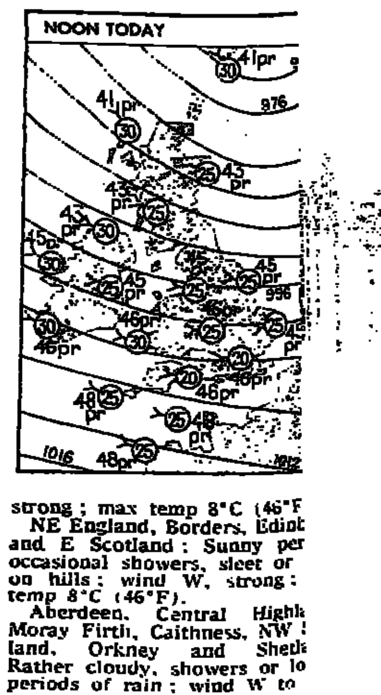

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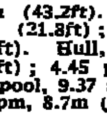

Sun rises: 7.13 am Sun sets: 4.16 pm
Moon rises: 5.22 am Moon sets: 3.9 pm

New Moon: November 14.

Lighting up: 4.46 pm to 6.45 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.14 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Avonmouth, 5.32 am, 12.9m (42.4ft); 5.53 pm, 13.2m (43.2ft). Dover, 9.18 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 9.52 pm, 6.6m (21.5ft). Hull, 4.8 am, 7.3m (23.8ft); 4.45 pm, 7.2m (23.7ft). Liverpool, 9.37 am, 8.6m (28.2ft); 9.57 pm, 8.7m (28.5ft).

A deep depression to the NE of Scotland will move away NE during the day.

Area forecasts:

London, SE and central S England, East Anglia and E Midlands: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

W Midlands, E and central N England: Sunny periods scattered showers; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Channel Islands, SW England and S Wales: Sunny periods, occasional showers, especially at first; wind W to NW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll and N Ireland: Bright intervals and frequent heavy showers, especially at first, perhaps sleet or snow, at least over high ground; wind W to NW, strong; max temp 8°C (46°F

NE England, Borders, Edinb and E Scotland: Sunny per occasional showers, sleet or on hills: wind W, strong: temp 8°C (46°F).

Aberdeen, Central Highl Moray Firth, Caithness, NW land, Orkney and Shetl Rather cloudy, showers or lo periods of rain; wind W to strong to gale: max temp (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow: Cl with rain, becoming brighter la strong wind; temp near or a above normal.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Athens	c	17	63	Dublin	s	7	45	Locarno	s	10	50	Oslo	r	8	46
Barcelona	c	14	57	Edinburgh	f	7	45	London	r	8	46	Paris	c	10	50
Beirut	f	24	75	Florence	f	16	61	Luxembrg	c	6	43	Reykjavik	c	5	41
Belfast	s	7	45	Funchal	c	18	64	Madrid	s	19	66	Rome	f	16	61
Berlin	c	8	46	Geneva	c	4	39	Majorca	s	18	64	Ronaldsway	s	8	46
Biarritz	s	17	63	Gibraltar	c	17	63	Malaga	f	18	64	Stockholm	c	7	45
Birmghm	c	8	46	Guernsey	r	11	52	Malta	f	16	61	Tel Aviv	s	24	75
Bristol	r	8	46	Helsinki	c	6	43	Manchstr	c	9	48	Venice	f	13	55
Brussels	f	10	50	Innsbruck	f	10	50	Moscow	sn	-1	30	Vienna	s	10	50
Budapest	f	8	46	Istanbul	c	14	57	Munich	f	9	48	Warsaw	c	8	46
Cardiff	r	8	46	Jersey	r	12	54	Naples	f	15	59	Zurich	c	6	43

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am t pm, 12°C (54°F); min, 6 pm t am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 92 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 .49. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,0 millibars, rising.
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essor Sir Ernst Chain, chairman of the British Nutri- days of cheap food have gone, probably for ever."

In spite of subsidies food was expensive. Families would likely to become even more have to pay more for a diminishing variety of food or cut back, he added.

Christmas turkeys: There will *be plenty of turkeys* on the market this Christmas "and probably at prices which wiil give pleasure only to the housewife", Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday

One reason for the abundance was that after the low prices for fresh birds last Christmas, many turkeys were put into cold store, Sir Henry told the Poultry Industry Conference at Stratford-on-Avon.

Another reason was that there had been an increase in the number of poults early in the year. There had also been a general decline in meat prices.

Sir Henry urged the Government to introduce a five-year plan for poultry and the whole *of agriculture.* "*We need* to know what the Government's objectives are both in the short term and the long term for this £500m industry", he said.

"To allow it to stagger from financial crisis to financial crisis in the absence of such objectives is a gross waste of this nation's resources. We need to know where we are going and can plan accordingly.

Egg scarcity forecast: Eggs are likely to be scarce and cost 50p a dozen until next spring, Mr Adrian Collingwood, chairman of the Eggs Authority, forecast at Stratford-on-Avon yesterday. But after May eggs should become plentiful and be much cheaper.

mplaints of intimidation ainst fish dock pickets

Our Correspondent

yside fish merchants at asked the police for pro- n yesterday after allega- of intimidation by picket- rawler maintenance men are on unofficial strike a pay claim. Mr Sydney ington, president of the fish merchants association. "The pickets are stopping le at the dock entrances, after several merchants plained of intimidation I d the police for protection. e have been no troubles ut the situation is very un- ant and we are expecting oppage to spread."

Nearly 800 trawler repair and maintenance men and 30 process workers at the port's ice factory are involved in the stoppage. The trawler owners have offered the men £46 a week but they are holding out for £50.57. Yesterday the strikers began picketing round the clock and about a hundred men were at each of the three fish dock entrances.

A police officer said no incidents had been reported. Union leaders yesterday met a Department of Trade conciliation officer for the second time. The employers have said they will not talk with the strikers until they return to work.

Plight of lone pensioners shown by census

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Pensioners living alone are likely to suffer some of the worst housing conditions, new data from the 1971 Census show today. While general housing conditions have much improved *since 1961*, the quality of *housing* for some lone pensioners has dropped.

The census analysis measures the housing conditions of pensioners according to whether they have exclusive use of a hot-water supply, fixed bath or shower, and inside lavatory. It shows that 30 per cent of the 2,133,000 pensioners living alone lack exclusive use of one or more of those amenities, while the national average has dropped from 30 per cent in 1961 to 16 per cent in 1971.

In five regions, the proportion of lone pensioners lacking amenities dropped below the national average in 1961. The worst region was Greater London, with 37 per cent, followed by Wales, with 36 per cent, and the East Midlands and East Anglia, with 34 per cent each. The proportion in the North-West was 32 per cent.

In England and Wales, 13 per cent of pensioner council tenants lacked exclusive use of one or more of the basic amenities; in Scotland the figure was 6 per cent. But 24 per cent of owner-occupiers throughout Britain lacked one or more of the basic amenities.

The worst conditions were in the private market. In England and Wales 70 per cent of pensioners renting furnished accommodation and 58 per cent in unfurnished accommodation lacked one or more of the basic amenities. In Scotland the figures were 66 per cent and 63 per cent.

Census 1971: Persons of Pensionable Age (Stationery Office, £5.45).

Yorkshire sugar factory gets closure reprieve

The British Sugar Corporation is to keep open its factory at Selby, Yorkshire, which was due for closure under a rationalization scheme.

The decision follows the recent EEC increase in Britain's home-grown sugar quota to more than a million tonnes. Selby employs 230 staff.

In the West Country, farmers are ordering sugar beet for cattle fodder at about £19 a ton compared with £100 or more for hay.

It was brisk business as usual for flower traders in their first working day at the new Covent Garden market at Nine Elms, Battersea, yesterday.

Neighbours 'did nothing' as girl was killed

Neighbours did nothing when they heard loud, prolonged screaming one night in a London flat, Mr Justice Watkins, VC, was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Richard Du Cann, for the prosecution, said they also heard a girl's voice crying repeatedly: "No, keep away from me", but they thought it was a domestic quarrel.

The next day the police were called by the girl's parents and they found her naked and dead in bed with her boy friend unconscious from drugs beside her.

Colin Francis Charteris Stewart, aged 31, of Marlborough Court, Wimbledon, London, was jailed for six years. He admitted the manslaughter of Judith Bigmore, aged 19, on the ground of diminished responsibility. He pleaded not guilty to her murder.

British Airways pledges holiday refunds

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Airways yesterday announced a "fair trading charter" against spoilt package *holidays next summer.*

Customers on the state corporation's Sovereign and Enterprise packages will be offered an alternative holiday or a full refund if dates are changed. If the change is made within eight week's of departure, additional compensation of 15 per cent of the cost will be offered.

The airline will also allow a full refund of deposit without penalty if fuel or currency surcharges result in an increase of a tenth or more on the original price, while customers will be allowed to cancel within seven days of the price rise.

British Airways, while obviously highly conscious of the effect on public confidence of the collapse this summer of the Court Line and Horizon package holiday firms, is offering 50,000 more holidays next year to fill the gap left by those failures, and will promote over 200,000 holidays next summer.

Mr Gerry Draper, director of the B.A. Travel Division, said yesterday: "Our expansion is a *calculated move following* the collapse of some household holiday names this summer—calculated because the airline believes the disappointing weather of the English summer this year, and the comparatively high cost of the stay-at-home family holiday combined to result in a late summer surge of continental holiday bookings which surprised many in the travel industry." BA expected that that pattern would be more marked in 1975.

Enterprise, with full board, in June and July next year would cost £75 in Spain, £83 in Majorca, £90 in Yugoslavia, and £93 in the Black Sea resorts and on the Italian Riviera.

Bookings surge: Thomson Holidays announced yesterday that it had already taken 100,000 reservations for holidays next summer

"It seems that, after all, the *public* has no lack of confidence in the major holiday companies'," Mr Francis Higgins, managing director of Thomson Holidays, said.

"Much of this is probably due to action such as our new fair trading charter. More recently, the entire industry has introduced a new code of conduct. The result is reflected in the booking rate, which has been very strong over the past few days."

But there would be fewer holidays available in 1975 than this year, he said. Three Thomson bookings out of five so far are for Spanish resorts.

Holiday plan setback: A second finance group has withdrawn from talks with four former Court Line directors who plan a new holiday airline. Another group is still considering the scheme. Mr William Buxton, one of the former directors, said yesterday that he was less confident than before that the airline would get going.

Woman of 25 sues over burns soon after birth

Mr Justice Cantley was asked in the High Court yesterday to decide whether Sally Rogers, aged 25, can claim damages for severe burns she suffered in her hospital nursery cot when she was only a few hours old.

Mr John Cobb, QC, said that almost as soon as she was born, in February, 1949, she was taken from her mother in the delivery room of Axminster Cottage Hospital, Devon, and put into a nursery cot. A hot water bottle caused severe burns to her back and buttocks. She was gravely disfigured.

She might well be the youngest victim of a tort, Mr Cobb said.

Miss Rogers, of St Monance Road, Springburn, Glasgow, was suing Exeter and Mid Devon Hospital Management Committee, claiming damages for negligence.

In this case it was argued that she could still bring a claim because she started it within three years of reaching her majority.

Mr Cobb said that highly unusual situation was appropriate because Miss Rogers was not in the custody of her parents when the accident happened, and parents could bring actions only for children in their care and custody.

Negligence was denied. The hospital also said that any claim should have been brought within three years of the incident.

The only evidence in the case came from Miss Rogers's mother, now Mrs Primrose. She told the judge why she and her husband, whom she divorced about 1952, had never sued the hospital for negligence on their daughter's behalf.

"My husband, and my mother-in-law, who was a health visitor at this cottage hospital, were both adamant that on no account were we to make a scandal involving the hospital", she said.

She admitted that she had been dominated by her mother-in-law, and over the years that influence had conditioned her into thinking there was no case against the hospital. It was not until 1968, when her daughter had her first operations for skin-grafting, that she realized how serious the burns had been. By then she felt it was too late to take action.

Police helpers thanked

More than forty schoolchildren, aged between seven and 18, were among 135 people thanked at a government reception at Edinburgh Castle yesterday for helping the police.

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AUSTRALIA

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University of Western Australia

Perth

LECTURER—EDUCATION

Department of Education

Two positions are available. Each appointee will be required to teach in one or more of the following areas: philosophy of education; history of education; sociology of education; comparative education; politics and economics of education; educational measurement and statistics; theory of curriculum. Each applicant should specify his or her field of interest both in teaching and research and will be expected to have a higher degree as well as some qualification and experience in education. The Department has a strong and developing research programme to which the appointees will be encouraged to contribute. Both appointments will be from 1st January 1975, or as soon as possible thereafter, and candidates should state their date of availability.

7 December, 1974.

SENIOR TUTOR—EDUCATION

Department of Education

Candidates should have interest and experience in educational measurement and statistics. The appointee will be responsible for the organisation and conduct of tutorial programmes in the Dip.Ed. and B.Ed. courses and there will be opportunity for lecturing and research. This will be a temporary two-year appointment initially.

7 December, 1974.

LECTURER—ANTHROPOLOGY

Department of Anthropology

Candidates should possess a doctorate in Social and or Cultural Anthropology or its equivalent and have had experience in conducting and supervising independent field research. Previous teaching experience and research publications are important. Preference will be given to applicants whose major regional interests fit in with the Department's current pattern of teaching and research: regionally, its emphases are on Australia, including Aboriginal Australia; South and South-east Asia; New Guinea; and the Pacific. The appointee will be required to teach in Social and Cultural Anthropology and/or Comparative Sociology, in ethnographic and theoretical terms, and within the area of his own competence. He will also be expected to participate in the Department's teaching and research programmes.

7 December, 1974.

TUTOR OR SENIOR TUTOR PREHISTORY

Department of Anthropology

This will be a temporary appointment initially. Applicants should possess an Honours or higher degree in Prehistory, Prehistoric Archaeology or Anthropological Archaeology, including some background in general Anthropology; or alternatively a similar degree in Anthropology with a strong archaeological component. Experience in archaeological field-work (including excavation, site survey and area survey) and in the laboratory analysis of artefact assemblages is required. The appointee will be required to conduct tutorial and practical classes in prehistory and archaeological method and techniques. The Department offers a second year course in Prehistoric Archaeology, and the opportunity for students to continue undergraduate archaeological options in conjunction with Anthropology and for postgraduate study in Archaeology. Particular preference will be given to candidates with a special interest in hunter-gatherer and Australian prehistory, lithic analysis and topographic archaeology. The appointee will have the opportunity to pursue research on the important material available in Western Australia.

7 December, 1974.

SENIOR LECTURER OR LECTURER BIOCHEMISTRY

Department of Biochemistry

The appointment is occasioned by an increase in the student quota in medicine. The research activities of the Department include biochemical aspects of development, endocrinology, control of parturition and lactation, enzymology of lipid metabolism and enzyme kinetics. Travel grants are regularly available for various research purposes within Australia.

7 December, 1974.

LECTURER—ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Candidates with an interest in Computer Aided Design will be preferred. The Department will be housed in a new building towards the end of 1975, where there will be a PDP 11/40 computer for real time application with terminals in certain laboratories. The Department has ready access to the facilities of the Western Australian Regional Computing Centre which is located on the campus and which operates a CDC Cyber 72 and a DEC PDP-10. The Department also possesses a comprehensive Silicon Technology facility.

7 December, 1974.

LECTURER—LINGUISTICS

Department of Anthropology

Applicants should possess a higher degree in Linguistics and preference will be given to a person with a strong interest in transformational grammar and Australian Aboriginal linguistics. A background in General Anthropology is desirable. The appointee will become the second staff member in the Linguistics programme, will be required to teach in this subject and will have an opportunity to participate in the planning of projected developments in Linguistics. It is expected that the appointee will also engage in research. The Department at present offers a second-year course in Linguistics, with specialist and non-specialist courses at the third and fourth year levels, and opportunities for post graduate study in Linguistics.

7 December, 1974.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OR SENIOR LECTURER PSYCHIATRY

Department of Psychiatry

The level of appointment will be determined by the qualifications and experience of the appointee. Candidates should possess a higher degree in psychiatry, have wide clinical experience, and experience of teaching and administration in a university department of psychiatry or its equivalent. Demonstrated capacity for research is essential. Special skills in the areas of biological psychiatry, neuropsychiatry or community and social psychiatry would be an advantage but are not essential. The appointee will be based in the new academic teaching unit at the Perth Medical Centre.

7 December, 1974.

SENIOR LECTURER OR LECTURER BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE IN MEDICINE

Department of Psychiatry

Applicants should have experience of either clinical and medical psychology or medical sociology. The appointment will be made in one of these two areas. The appointee will be expected to participate in the teaching of behavioural science to preclinical medical students and will be a fully established member of the Department of Psychiatry with access to clinical material in his particular area and the opportunity to carry out research. He may be required to contribute to the teaching of clinical medical students and postgraduate students of psychiatry from time to time. Applicants should have experience of teaching and research in one of these two areas, preferably in a university medical school. A higher degree at doctoral level would be a definite advantage.

7 December, 1974.

University of Queensland

TUTORS GROUP 4 IN PSYCHOLOGY (2 POSITIONS)

Applications are invited especially in the areas of (1) Clinical and Developmental Psychology and (2) Perception and Psychobiology. Applications in other areas, however, will also be considered. Honours degree in Psychology (or its equivalent) required.

12 January, 1975.

University of New South Wales

LECTURER LAND USE/TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

School of Transportation and Traffic

High academic qualifications required in a discipline related to land use and transport science. Research or practical experience in urban and regional planning desirable. The appointee will participate in the teaching and research programme in the School, principally lecturing in topics on land use and transport science and undertaking research on and analysis of problems of land use and transport interaction.

6 December, 1974.

University of Melbourne

LECTURER (LIMITED TENURE) DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Qualifications: Applicants should have interest and skills in child psychopathology, and in clinical and personality assessment.

The Department of Psychology offers courses at both under- and postgraduate levels, and the lecturer would be expected to participate at both levels.

1 December, 1974.

CHAIR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for the Chair of Psychology which has become vacant following the resignation of Professor A. Heron.

10 January, 1975.

Flinders University of South Australia

PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

School of Social Sciences

The Foundation Professor Professor K. J. Hancock, will become a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University from the beginning of 1975 and will thereafter work half-time in the discipline of Economics.

Applications will be welcome from economists of all interests.

15 December, 1974.

DIRECTOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND RESOURCES UNIT

Applications are invited for appointment as Foundation Director of an Educational Research and Resources Unit which is to be established in the University in 1975. The Director, who will have the salary and status of a Reader in the University, will be responsible to the University Council through the Vice-Chancellor for the academic and administrative leadership of the Unit.

The aim of the Unit is to work in co-operation with the academic staff to improve learning and teaching within the University. To this end the staff of the Unit will assist in providing a consultative service on problems of higher education including the provision of services to facilitate teaching and assessment. It is expected that the Unit will conduct research into aspects of higher education, especially in collaboration with teaching staff, and into the characteristics, needs and performances of students.

Applicants should have extensive experience at the tertiary level including demonstrated expertise in several of the following areas: teaching-learning processes, assessment, research, curriculum development, evaluation and instructional aids.

2 December, 1974.

University of Sydney

LECTURER IN MODERN GREEK

Courses in Modern Greek were introduced in the University in 1974 following the appointment of a Lecturer. A second Lecturer is now required to assist in the further development of Mediaeval and Modern Greek studies at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Candidates should possess appropriate academic qualifications in Modern Greek language and literature; for the present position an interest in the literature of the 19th or 20th centuries would be an advantage. The appointee will be responsible to the Head of the Department of Greek, pending the appointment of a Professor of Modern Greek.

5 December, 1974.

CHAIR OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Applications are invited for the newly established Chair of Community Medicine.

Salary $A23,614.

15 December, 1974.

LECTURERS AND SENIOR LECTURERS IN BEHAVIOURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Applications are invited from candidates with postgraduate training in one or more of the behavioural sciences especially from those with some training and/or experience in the application of their discipline in the health and medical fields. The appointees will be involved in the teaching and further planning of a new course in the behavioural and social sciences designed for medical undergraduates. The first year of the course was begun in 1974.

11 December, 1974.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

New Zealand

University of Canterbury Christchurch

CHAIR OF LAW

The Council of the University invites applications for a Chair of Law, which is one of three Chairs established in the department. The appointee will take up his position on 1 May 1975 or at such later time as may be arranged. Applicants should have graduated in law from a University in New Zealand, Australia, England or other Common Law country. Preference may be given to applicants with previous research and teaching experience in Commercial Law, the Law of Taxation and Estate Planning, Industrial and Labour Law, but candidates suitably qualified in other fields will be considered.

At present the salary for a Professor is within the range of NZ$15,111 to $19,253 per annum. The commencing or subsequent salary of the appointee may be increased as a result of the review of individual professorial salaries which the University makes at the beginning of each year.

Particulars, including information on travel and removal allowances, study leave, housing and superannuation may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

Applications close on 31 December 1974.

University of Otago

Dunedin, New Zealand

LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER IN ZOOLOGY AND MARINE BIOLOGY

Applications are invited for the position of Lecturer in Zoology and Marine Biology. This position is a joint appointment between the Department of Zoology and the Portobello Marine Laboratory, and the person appointed will be expected to contribute to the teaching programme of the Department of Zoology and to devote approximately half his time to research and other duties at the Marine Laboratory. Some preference may be shown towards candidates whose research interests are in marine field studies which utilise the resources of the sea-going research vessel of the Marine Laboratory.

Salary Scales — Lecturer: NZ$7,501-$9,339 per annum. Senior Lecturer: NZ$9,573-$12,142 with a bar at $11,153 per annum.

Further information is available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF or from the Registrar of the University.

Applications close in New Zealand and London on 15 December 1974.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Dar es Salaam—Tanzania

Applications are invited for the post of PROFESSOR IN MATHEMATICS. Applicants must hold a doctorate. Appointee should have experience over a wide range of Mathematics and its applications, and he should be strongly interested in the development and encouragement of Mathematical curricula at all levels relevant to a rapidly developing country. Salary scale: T£3,332—T£3,662 p.a. (T£1=£1.1? sterling). The British Government may supplement salary by £2,148 p.a. (sterling) for married appointee or £1,500 p.a. (sterling for single appointee) [illegible] normally free of all tax) and provide children's education allowances and holiday visit passages. FSSU. Family passages. biennial overseas leave. Detailed applications (3 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be sent by air mail, not later than 11 December 1974 to the chief Academic Officer, University of Dar es Salaam, PO Box 35091, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Applicants resident in UK should also send 1 copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

Queen's University of Belfast

LECTURESHIP IN ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Engineering Mathematics from 1st February, 1975 or such other date as may be arranged. Qualifications and experience in Statistics and/or Operational Research are desirable but applicants with interest in Continuum Mechanics or Control would also be considered. Salary range is £2,118 to £4,896 plus threshold payments and with contributory pension rights under the F.S.S.U. Initial placing on the salary scale will depend on qualifications and experience. Applications should be received by 30th November, 1974. Further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast BT7 1NN Northern Ireland. (Please quote Ref. 74/T.)

University of Liverpool

FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Applications are invited for the FULL-TIME POST OF SUB-DEAN (I.E. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER) in the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies. Candidates should hold a good degree and should have had several years administrative experience either in a University or in a large outside organisation.

The initial appointment will be made within Grade IA (£1,809 to £3,440 per annum); there would be prospects for promotion to Grade II (£3,819 to £4,896 per annum).

Six copies of an application, stating age, qualifications and experience, together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 2nd December, 1974 by the undersigned, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Quote Ref. RV/509/T.

H. H. BURCHNALL,
Registrar.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Rhodesia

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LECTURESHIP/SENIOR LECTURESHIP IN CROP SCIENCE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified graduates for a post of Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in the field of Crop Science, which includes specialized treatment of crop physiology, pasture science, and the production of field, forage and horticultural crops. The successful candidate will have, in addition to a basic knowledge of the botany of agriculturally important crops, research experience in one of these special areas.

Salary Scales (approx. Stg. equiv.): Senior Lecturer, £5,397 x £224—£7,389; Lecturer Grade 1, £5,087 x £188—£5,839; Lecturer Grade 2, £3,175 x £161—£3,618 x £179—£3,976 x £188—£4,728 x £179—£4,907.

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The Queen's University of Belfast

LECTURESHIP IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

This post is tenable from 1st January, 1975, or such other date as may be arranged.

The vacancy is in the broad fields of Manufacturing Technology and Industrial Organisation involving teaching at both Undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Applicants must be able to contribute to both research and teaching in these fields. It is desirable that they should have had industrial experience in addition to a sound academic background.

Salary scale is £2,118 to £4,896 plus threshold supplements together with contributory pension rights under F.S.S.U. Applications should be received by 2 December, 1974.

Further particulars may be obtained from:

THE PERSONNEL OFFICER
The Queen's University of Belfast, BT7 1NN
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HOME NEWS

Middle classes mobilized: The Middle Class Association was formally launched yesterday when the entire membership of two met the press to explain the aims and aspirations of the organization (a Staff Reporter writes). They hope it will swell into a body to sway governments and influence national policy. The cofounders, Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon, North (left), and Captain L. P. S. Orr, the former Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, had originally intended to mobilize the middle class in August, but delayed the clarion call as they were not happy with the name chosen for the organization.

After much heart-searching and consideration of various suggestions, Mr Gorst has concluded that "there was no better name than the one I first thought of provided that the objectives are clearly understood".

Captain Orr said: "This association will represent the whole spectrum of the middle classes from the most energetic self-employed plumber or farmer to the most abstruse legal luminary." The middle class, he believed, were "vilified and sneered at as a minority and are labouring under penalties not imposed on other sections of the working community".

Mr Orr said history showed that countries that swept aside the middle class lost their freedom, and, while he did not expand, Mr Gorst said the association would "not necessarily rule out passive resistance". He added, "I would reject the proposition that trying o sand up for your inerests is being militant when the alternative could be to be brushed aside as though you did not exist."

He said that sectional interests such as organized industry and labour had been able to impress Parliament and governments to the detriment of what were loosely called the "middle classes". "It is commonplace that governments do not initiate major policies without at least going through the motions of some form of consultation with the CBI or the TUC", he said. "There exists no comparable overall body to represent the interests of the middle class." He saw the survival of an "essential element in the working population at stake."

Fire fear as dustmen halt city's services

From Our Correspondent

Peterborough

Peterborough City Council said yesterday that it was "seriously concerned about fire and health hazards" because of a week-old dustmen's strike. It is estimated that 500 tons of rubbish is littering the city.

Local traders have expressed fears about the fire hazard. Fifty dustmen, who collect from 40,000 business and residential properties, are striking over a dispute about a work study scheme. They say it is costing them £5 a week in lost bonus payments.

The National Union of Public Employees and the authority were to have discussed the matter yesterday but when the dustmen arrived for the meeting they were handed a letter by the council. It said there would be no negotiations until the men return to work.

Mr Keith Cargill, chief shop steward, said that they had told pickets to allow other council employees into work as a sign of good faith. But they had changed their position because of the way the council had treated them.

Today, 180 other employees, including plumbers, bricklayers electricians and gasfitters, are expected to refuse to cross the picket lines and join the strike, halting all the municipal services.

Pickets on duty at the council's rubbish tip have been turning away people wanting to dump household rubbish.

The council has appealed to the public to keep their rubbish tidy. Seven skips have been placed in the city for people to deposit their waste.

Saturday date with police for supporters

Seven football supporters who appeared before Bristol magistrates yesterday after disturbances at Saturday's match between Bristol City and Manchester United were ordered to report to the police every Saturday afternoon at 3.15.

Six others were fined a total of £650. All were bound over to keep the peace for two years. The offences included threatening behaviour, assault on the police and carrying an offensive weapon.

At the same court fines totalling £2,625 were imposed on 29 Cardiff City suporters found guilty last week of using threatening behaviour.

Altogether 56 Cardiff supporters were fined a total of £4,324 for their part in a riot after a League Cup match at Bristol City on August 19.

Six teenage Leeds United supporters were remanded in police custody until Friday by Nottingham magistrates yesterday on charges arising out of a coach journey to Leeds after the match with Coventry City on Saturday.

At Hull Magistrates' Court two Londoners were each fined £75 for conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace during Saturday's match between Hull City and Fulham.

Man dies in lorry fire

A lorry driver died on the A45 at Kentford, Suffolk, yesterday, trapped in his cab when two articulated vehicles burst into flames after a colision.

Rail and roads may not suffer government spending cuts

By John Young
Planning Reporter

British Rail and the Department of the Environment yesterday were discounting speculation that Mr Healey will announce heavy spending cuts on new roads, railway modernization, or both.

Details of projected expenditure are in any case unlikely to be disclosed until the White Paper due next month.

British Rail said that only last week it was given approval to spend £52m on developing high-speed trains, although the initial number was reduced from 42 to 32. Privately, officials concede that they will have to fight hard for their share, but they are heartened by the acceptance by all political parties that railways are a social asset.

Their main complaint is uncertainty about the amount of long-term government investment. That makes it impossible to plan ahead. The current five-year budget, established last December at just over £1,000m, was much less than British Rail wanted, and has since been greatly reduced.

The biggest uncertainty has concerned the projected rail link from London to the Channel tunnel.

As for roads, Government policy appears to be to slow, rather than prune, the construction programme. Mr Mulley, Minister for Transport, recently announced the intention of completing 3,100 miles of motorways and trunk roads by the 1980s.

Many motorway projects are widely accepted as essential, but others, such as the M40 between Oxford and Birmingham, M16 through Epping Forest, M3 near Winchester and a likely second trans-Pennine route between central Lancashire and Bradford, are more controversial.

Last January, government expenditure on roads in 1973-74 was put at £553m.

Scottish prosperity call: The Scottish National Party yesterday called for a Budget day deal for Scotland to "match Scotland's great opportunity of establishing a sound basis for long-term prosperity" (our Edinburgh Correspondent writes).

Mr Douglas Crawford, MP for Perth and East Perthshire, the party's spokesman on finance, said in Edinburgh that ministers had been 'preparing public opinion for a harsh Budget to match the United Kingdom's economic crisis.

Mr Crawford said that while "the United Kingdom's balance of payments problem is England's problem and not Scotland's", Scotland had been made to pay the price, in higher unemployment, lower wages and higher prices.

The Scottish economy was poised to take advantage of Scotland's tremendous economic potential. Scottish opinion would be looking for some sign from the Chancellor that London government acknowledged that.

Mr Crawford suggested that, against the prospect of 100,000 unemployed this winter, Scotland should aim at a rate of economic growth of not less than 5 per cent. To achieve that, public spending in Scotland should be raised by more than £300m.

Scotland's strategic transport links should be given high priority; lending restrictions imposed on Scottish banks by the Bank of England should be relaxed for loans for Scottish investment. Any increase in fuel tax would discriminate against areas of low population and poor public transport. A differential VAT rate of 5 per cent should be introduced for Scotland because prices were already 5 per cent higher than the United Kingdom average.

Parish fund treasurer jailed for £7,400 theft

From Our Correspondent

Winchester

Brian Ansell, a bank accountant, also was a churchwarden and treasurer of parish funds, stole £7,400 in five years from parish funds and bank accounts, it was alleged at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Ansell, aged 41, father of two children, of St George's Close, Badshot Lea, Farnham, Surrey, pleaded guilty to 17 specimen counts of forgery, theft and false accounting. He was jailed for two years. The prosecution said Mr Ansell worked ni Basingstoke at the National Westminster Bank as branch accountant. He was the treasurer of St George's Parochial Church Council at Badshot Lea. From 1969 to 1974 he stole substantial sums belonging to the church and covered up the losses by using an elaborate scheme.

The scheme involved "milking" wealthy customers' accounts at his bank of up to £1,000 and paying them into parish funds. Each year the balance-sheet prepared by him for the parish council was always accurate.

In May this year the strain became too great and he confessed his frauds to bank inspectors who had been unable to find anything wrong with the branch accounts.

Mr Andrew Collins, for the defence, told Judge Stock, QC: "He is a practising and sincere Christian and did a lot for the parish of Badshot Lea. For him a breach of the eighth commandment means a lot more to him than it does to others.

"In a leter he wrote to the parish council he ends by saying: 'I have now told you the truth and must somehow make my peace with the Lord.'"

Controversial link road plans to go on display

By Our Planning Reporter

Plans for access roads to link the proposed M 3 motorway with the Winchester inner ring road will go on display at Jewry Street, Winchester, on Thursday. The plans are strong opposed by Winchester M 3 Joint Action Group, which represents 17 local organizations. Their president, Lord Aldington, has said the plans present the council with "the most awful decision any public authority in any country has ever been asked to approve".

The motorway would skirt the city to the east and link the present M 3 terminus at Popbame with the Chandlers Ford by-pass at Compton, 12 miles away. It has been controversial for several years and last year provoked a local Conservative Party revolt against the sitting MP, Rear-Admiral Morgan Giles. In February the admiral's majority was cut from 13,746 to 10,504, and in the October election to 9,220; the Liberal, Mr John Matthew, ran second both times.

Motorway opponents claim the access links, apart from threatening the character of the city and surrounding landscape, would destroy nearly 200 houses. They have pressed for improvements to the existing by-pass, which was built in the 1930s.

The Department of the Environment, however, is clearly determined to press ahead with its plans to link every major town and city by motorway by the mid-1980s. In spite of economic stringencies and growing pressure for priority to be given to housing, there is still no indication of a substantial cutback in that programme.

In brief

Girl, 11, accused of baby stealing

A girl, aged 11, was remanded into the custody of Redbridge Borough Council, London, for seven days when she appeared at Barking Juvenile Court, London, yesterday, accused of stealing two children.

The accusations relate to a boy who disappeared on his first birthday on October 30 and a girl, aged eight months, who disappeared last Thursday from outside a sub-postoffice in Romford Road, Manor Park. Both babies were later found unharmed.

Dock murder charge

Graham Taylor, aged 19, unemployed, of Coltman Street, Hull, and Brian Sharp, aged 18, a fisherman, of Whitley Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, were remanded in custody for a week by Hull magistrates yesterday jointly charged with murdering Peter Skoof, aged 20, a factory worker, of Exeter Grove, Hull, who was found in a dockland street dying from stab wounds.

'Life' for violent man

David Southwell, aged 29, formerly of Chadwell Heath, Essex, described as violent and dangerous, was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday to life imprisonment for battering to death Mr Graham Branton, aged 44, of Vale Street, Barry, South Glamorgan, who was said to have made a homosexual appoach to him.

Father remanded

Charles Leslie Johnson, aged 19, of Lamcote Street, Nottingham, whose daughter, aged eight months, was found to have six broken ribs, 64 bruises and a ruptured liver, was convicted at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday of cruelty and assault causing bodily harm. He was remanded in custody for two weeks for medical reports.

Court refuses Lords appeal plea by 'Luton three'

A move to get a House of Lords ruling on the case of the "Luton three" and Kenneth Lennon, a Special Branch informer, was rejected by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Park and Mr Justice Forbes, refused to send the case to the Lords for a decision on the controversial doctrine of "entrapment", which raises questions of how far a police informer may go in encouraging other people to commit crimes.

Mr Lennon was found shot dead in April. Three days before he died he made a statement to the National Council for Civil Liberties describing how he infiltrated a group of Sinn Fein activists in Luton for Scotland Yard. His statement contended that he encouraged three of them to plan an armed robbery for which they were convicted on a conspiracy charge and jailed for 10 years.

Mr Bryan Anns, QC, for two of the convicted men, said yesterday that the case involved a point of great importance in the modern world of political agitation and demonstration.

He argued that Mr Lennon's role in the conspiracy, unknown at the time of the trial, was ground for an appeal against conviction and sentence.

He was appearing for Philip Michael Sheridan, aged 34, of Elm Park Close, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, and Jeremiah Mealey, aged 31, of Ashton Road, Luton. The Court of Appeal held on July 29 that the doctrine of entrapment could not be used as a defence in English law.

Yesterday's move failed on a basic procedural point. The Court of Appeal ruling in July was an application for leave to appeal, not an actual appeal. The Lords do not hear appeals against refused applications.

Mr Anns said there was clearly a basis for argument in the Court of Appeal's decision. Because the Crown was present at the July hearing and the legal point of entrapment was argued, the hearing was an appeal in all but name.

Lord Widgery said: "We do not think an application becomes an appeal without an order of this court."

Voters split over Heath leadership, poll shows

Slightly more than hal Conservative supporters in country think that Mr H should stay as leader of Conservative Party. This ing comes at a time pressure among Conserv MPs to replace their lead beginning to come to the

But the first post-ele survey by Opinion Res Centre also shows tha majority of all voters, n six out of 10, believe Mr should be replaced immediately or before the general election.

Among ordinary voter Whitelaw is, by a long wa man most favoured to take with Mr Enoch Powell a nearest rival.

These were the two que on the Tory Party leade crisis (figures in all table percentages):

Q. Which one of these do you should be the leader of th servative party if Mr Heath re (Card shown.)

	All	C
Mr Whitelaw	31	37
Sir Joseph	19	14
Mrs Thatcher	5	6
Mr Prior	2	1
Mr Powell	17	9
Mr Carr	6	7
Sir Alec Douglas-Home	7	9
None of these	7	7
Don't know	15	11

Q. Do you think Mr Heath sho as leader of the Conservative resign now, or resign so before the next election?

	All	C
Stay	34	54
Resign now	40	23
Resign before next election	17	18
Don't know	9	5

The ORC poll also show the Government is not much of a honeymoon voters as is usual in the few months after an ele Labour has a lead of cent compared with 3.5 pe (votes cast) at the g election.

Voting intention

	Oct 1974 Election res
Conservative	36.7
Labour	40.2
Liberal	18.8
Nationalist	3.5
Other parties	0.9
No voting intention giver	—
Labour lead	3.5

* Indicates less than 0.5%

The Prime Minister's st much higher than that Government as a whole. fewer than one voter in thinks the Government is ning the country we majority (54 per cent) thi Wilson is doing a good Prime Minister. By con similar majority think th Heath would do a bad Prime Minister.

It is probably a fair int tation to say that there is to choose between op about the two major p the real difference is th sent credibility gap betwee Heath and Mr Wilson.

Put simply, the tables se tell the following story: The Labour Government thought to be doing a good j The Conservatives are not th likely to do a good job if ele they are if anything, t more likely to do a bad jo the present Government. Mr Wilson is thought to be a good job. On the other hand Mr He thought unlikely to do a go if put in his place.

Q. On the whole do you thi Government is running the well or badly?

Well	21
Badly	45
Don't know	27

Q. On the whole do you think th servative Party would run the well or badly?

Well	31
Badly	46
Don't know	23

Q. Do you think Mr Wilson is d good job or a bad job as Minister?

Good job	54
Bad job	32
Don't know	14

Q. Do you think Mr Heath wou a good job or a bad job as Minister?

Good job	31
Bad job	55
Don't know	14

General despondency a the country's problems tinues, with eight voters o 10 unhappy about the things are going in Britai

Q. At the moment are you happy the way things are going in B or not?

	April	June	Sep
Happy	21	13	14
Unhappy	73	79	79
Don't know	6	8	7

The survey was based on a repres tive quota sample of 1,058 ele interviewed throughout Great B between October 29 and Novemb 1974

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Canal workers' dispute ends

The dispute between National and Local Gove ment Officers' Association the British Waterways Bo which disrupted traffic canals in the North of Engl and threatened flooding some areas, has been sett after the intervention of Conciliation and Arbitrat Service.

Pay increases of just over per cent have been accept taking the lowest-paid ca workers to £1,120 a year fr £631 and the highest to £6, from £5,197.

Strychnine stolen

An ounce of strychnir enough to kill three thousa people, has been stolen fro a village chemist's in Hath leigh, near Okehampton, Dev together with mandra amphetamine, morphine a four ounces of brucine, anoth lethal poison.

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)th Germanies attend Armistice ay ceremony in Paris at vitation of President Giscard

Charles Hargrove
Nov 11

the first time in half a , *the whole of Germany* epresented officially at mistice day ceremonies Arc de Triomphe. Baron raun, the West German sador, and Herr Ernst st German Ambassador, een invited specially by ent Giscard d'Estaing, r with other members diplomatic corps. Earl batten of Burma, who o attend a Royal British ceremony in the after- vas also present.

President had insisted lis fifty-sixth anniversary end of the First World hould be celebrated wihh l solemnity, under the of both continuity and

s was more beflagged it has been for many and Parisians heard for st time a new arrange- of the "Marseillaise", it trumpets or drums, , more solemn, and like, performed by the of the Garde Republicaine from a score by M Roger Boutry, its bandmaster, at the behest of Oresident Giscard D'Estaing zfter his election last May. This version will be played at all official ceremonies from now on.

The new orchestral version, Drum-Major Giraud, of the Garde Republicaine told me, was composed from an original score in the Bibliotheque Nationale. Rouget de Lisle, a captain of Engineers, who wrote both the words and the music in April, 1792, intended it to be an anthem rather than a march and entitled it "chant de Guerre pour L'Armee du Rhin". He first sang it at an evening reception at the residence of Dietrich, *the mayor* of Strasbourg.

It was adopted by the battalion of Marseillais who were called up to Paris for the riots of August 10, 1792, when the Tuileries were invaded by the mob. The convention decreed it the national anthem in 1795.

Rouget de Lisle escaped the guillotine only through the fall of Robespierre and died in need at Choisy, near Paris. The version of the "Marseillaise" with trumpet calls, and the cannon booms played hitherto, the drum-major told me, was written before the Second World War by a previous bandmaster of the Guard. Today's was closer to the original and reminiscent of the orchestral version by Berlioz, which used to be played until a couple of years ago before the July 14 parade on the champs Elysees.

The President made another innovation by issuing to all the mayors of France a special message for Armistice Day, following the example of General de Gaulle once in 1958. It called for national unity to overcome present difficulties. "In the troubled world which is ours", it said, "the servicemen have a particular part to play."

Earl Mountbatten was wreath at the foot of the plaque to the memory of the fallen of the Commonwealth, which was inaugurated 50 years ago by the Prince of Wales. present at a Commonwealth memorial service at Notre Dame this evening. He laid a

dent Giscard d'Estaing laying a wreath on the tomb of the unknown warrior in Paris yesterday.

Outspoken general finds political support

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 11

M Jean-Jacques, Servan-Schreiber, president of the Radical Socialist Party, said on the radio today that it was intolerable that General Paul Stehlin should have been condemned for proclaiming the superiority of American over French combat aircraft without a hearing.

He had never, he added, taken General Stehlin's side on the question, because he did not know the case. But he thought that, "in view of his military past, he was entitled to respect, and in view of his parliamentary status, he was entitled to a hearing".

"My attitude is not linked in any way with the stand I adopted in the past about Concorde", he said. "I said at the time that all supersonic aircraft, French or American, had come too soon and would find no markets. I was right. As to combat planes, I think one could have spared oneself the expense, be they American or Marcel D Assault's, to move on directly to the generation of what is called the combat plane of the future. On would save a great deal of public funds in doing so."

M Servan-Schreiber described the battle for employment as a "real battle of the Marne today".

His position of support and criticism for the Government varied according to the questions involved. "I support everything which can succeed", he said. "To say 'yes' all the time, as in the days of General de Gaulle or M Pompidou, is the worst way of supporting a government."

Solzhenitsyn to attend Nobel prize ceremony

From Our Correspondent
Stockholm, Nov 11

Alexander Solzhenitsyn the exiled Soviet writer, will attend the annual Nobel ceremony next month and receive his 1970 literature prize, the Nobel Foundation announced today.

He and his wife will attend the ceremony on December 10 and the subsequent banquet. The Nobel medallion and diploma will be presented to Mr Solzhenitsyn by the King of Sweden.

The novelist, who was expelled from Russia last February, made his suppressed Nobel lecture available to the West in 1972. In it he told the world that in mounting the Nobel platform, "I have climbed not three or four makeshift steps, but hundreds and even thousands of them; unyielding, precipitous, frozen steps leading out of the darkness and cold."

Berlin murder renews ar of anarchist terror

Dan van der Vat
Nov 11

assassination last night est Berlin's leading judge oyed official hopes that most alarming social omenon of postwar Ger- could at last be con- d to history.

e again the Baader)Mein- gang is front-page news now that responsibility he murder is claimed by 'Red Army Group", the it gives itself. The shoot- as said to be in revenge the death in prison on day of Holger Meins, a oer of the gang, who had on hunger strike for two s.

r Meins, aged 33, was of five people arrested in ummer, 1972, after the st and biggest manhunt in German experience. They lleged to be the hard core e group and include Frau e Meinhof, a 40-year-old hist journalist and er of twins, and Herr eas Baader, aged 32.

ey face trial at a specially ied new courtroom in gart next spring on an in- ent alleging five murders, tempted murders, political ings, bank robberies and hefts.

e group began in 1968 as ose association of young, igent, middle-class people dabbled in anarchism dur- the great wave of unrest swept over much of ern Europe. Unlike most e other groups, however, Baader-Meinhof gang led to destroy West Ger- society and turned to ter- m.

ey stole cars to keep on move, robbed banks to ce themselves and ited like a resistance fighting an occupying power. There were running gun-battles with the police, bombings of political targets, attempts to murder people in authority, threats to kidnap Herr Brandt, then the Chancellor, and secret journeys to the Lebanon to train with Palestinian terrorists.

Until the police turned the tide, the group was able to evade capture because of an inchoate underground of disaffected West Germans who were always prepared to give them shelter. They included students, lawyers, even doctors, and they still constitute a disturbing submerged layer of latent middle-class hostility to society. The group had no trouble finding such people in any city.

With the arrests in 1972 the nation heaved a sigh of relief. Now the death of herr Meins has served to revive action by the group in murdering the judge, and reaction, in the shape of a new tidal wave of popular Angst.

Günther von Drenkmann, the senior judge of West Berlin, who was assassinated.

Extremists in right-wing party formed in France

From Our Own Corrspondent
Paris, Nov 11

A constitutive assembly phis weekend decided on the creation of a right-wing party called the Movement of New Forces. About 250 delegates from all parts of the country met at Bagnolet, outside Paris, to define the main themes of its policy.

Tey wished to break away from the image of the traditionaa French right and renovate its old principles. So the movement calls for elections by proportional representation and real economic and political decentralizaton, with the transfer of part of state funds to the regions.

It also insists on joint management by employers and workers of all firms where ownership and management are separate, and for priority to be given toEuropean political unity. In social affairs, it calls for a revision of the law of 1920 but not for free abortion, and for a policy of information about contraception.

A central committee of 16 members was elected, incldidng M Francois Brigneu, the editor-in-chief of the extreme wing weekly *Minute*, and M Alain Robert, the former secretary-general of Order Nouveau, the extreme rightwing movement dissolved by the Government last year. Many of the militants of the new party come from Ordre Nouveau.

Spanish police in search for jailbreakers

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Nov 11

Spanish police said today that they were searching for two Britons and a German who had *broken out of jail in the Costa* del Sol resort of Marbella.

In a statement the police said that the Britons were Anthony Karl Hackney, aged 31, a driver from Ealing, and Thomas William Gascoyne, aged 40, of Blyth, Northumberland. The three had made their getaway early on Saturday morning by cutting through an iron window grille with a small file, the statement added.

The two Britons, together with a British woman and an Irishman still in jail in Alicante, were arrested two months ago in connexion with investigations into more than *250 robberies in* Spanish tourist areas, the police said.

Protests in Barcelona over lockout

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Nov 11

Workers' demonstrations were staged in Barcelona today as thousands of locked out workers gathered *in front of the factory* of SEAT, Spain's biggest motor manufacturer, and the offices of the state-run trade unions. Police with full riot equipment were on hand to intervene.

SEAT, which had already announced a four-day working week because of falling sales of cars, locked out more than 18,000 factory workers on Friday after a strike. The company claimed in a statement last weekend that the lockout had nothing to do with the economic circumstances forcing the reduced working week.

Many of the demonstrators *wore their blue coveralls as they* paraded through the streets, mostly in silence.

EC gives new priority to unemployment

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a working group should be p to study the problems of bolition of pasports at EEC ers, and the harmonization tional legislation on aliens immigration. The summit give this venture some sort essing.

e Foreign Secretary rapidly lled French hopes that the nit might set some signi- t new targets for the EEC's tutions. In particular, he sed the progressive loosen- of the present practice of imous decisions in the 's Council of Ministers.

matters of importance, he ated, decisions should continue to be taken by general agreement, without the possibility of a member state being overruled. He also opposed President Giscard d'Estaing's proposal for fixing a target date for direct elections to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, which the Labour *party is still* boycotting.

He was equally unenthusiastic about France's desire for a new date and basis for European union, still scheduled for 1980. The British Government sees no point in setting a target for a goal which remains undefinied.

Institutional problems will be discussed again by the foreign ministers in Paris on November 18, and the so-called "matters of substance" a new meeting in Brussels on November 25. This will have been preceded by a meeting of finance ministers on November 18.

One positive development was a ne emphasis on the relative importance of unemployment and inflation. Several delegations admitted that they had in effect joined the British in giving priority to unemployment. It was agreed that the Commission should revise its inflation-oriented proposals.

On the related topic of regional policy, the British would prefer the summit to avoid the detailed question of national benefits from a regional fund. They are afraid a that the question of budgetary contributions and of receipts from the distribution of the budget may become interwined.

On energy policy, which the Germans want to be a principal theme, French ambitions seem hopelessly opposed to their partners'. The French want the Nine to concentrate on achieving a joint platform for President Giscard's proposed mammoth conference of energy consumers and producers.

The other eight believe that the wider Energy Consumers Group, boycotted by France, is the right forum for consumer cooperation. Nonetheless, there was some gleam of hope that the positions of the two camps might be growing closer after today's brief discussion.

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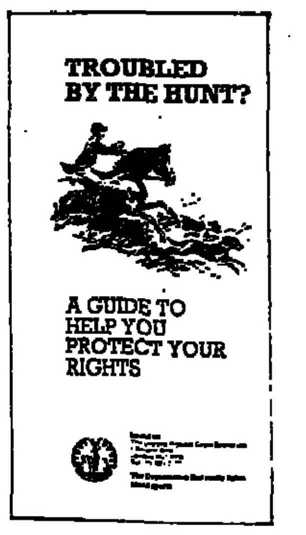
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Israel hint on new plans for Palestinians on the West Bank

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Nov 11

Hints that Israel may be planning to give some form of local autonomy to the West Bank were given today by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, and Mr Yigal Allon, the Foreign Minister. They were countering the claim to the area of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which Israel has refused to accept as a negotiating partner.

Mr Rabin, speaking at Beersheba, said that the Arab summit conference in Rabat, which voted that the PLO should be responsible for any territory from which Israel withdraws, had "opened new possibilities" for Israel's relations with the Palestinians living under its rule.

Mr Allon was asked at a press conference in Jerusalem whether this presaged an Israel initiative in the West Bank. He said that Israel had thought the Palestinians should find their identity through Jordan, but Rabat had dismissed Jordan as the party to negotiate for the Palestinians. Israel now must think how to promote the self-expression of the Arabs living in its midst "by a different system". It was too early to give details.

There has been no sign from any West Bank leader so far of willingness to accept a form of local autonomy under Israel, which the ministers are believed to be proposing. Mayors and other leading personalities have emphasized that feelings are strongly in favour of the PLO.

Mr Allon contradicted a statement by Mr Aharon Yariv, the Information Minister, that Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, was expected back in the Middle East next month to promote a further stage of peace negotiations. The Foreign Minister said Mr Yariv had been mistaken and "nothing has been fixed".

Pressed further on Mr Yariv's statement, which had been repeated on radio or television for two days without contradiction, Mr Allon confessed that it was "an embarrassing situation".

This has aroused speculation whether a new disagreement has arisen between Israel and the United States on the way to proceed with peace talks.

Beirut.—Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, has served notice for the first time that he wants all of King Husain's Hashemite kingdom incorporated into a Palestine state. The pro-guerrilla newspaper *Al Liwa* said Mr Arafat made his demand in a letter to a students' conference in Baghdad.

Cairo.—Egypt is carrying out intensive consultations with foreign states to win further support for the Palestine cause, which is to be debated at the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday, informed sources said today. Mr Arafat will go to New York to represent the Palestinians at the debate.

New York.—The United States has issued a visa for Mr Arafat to come to New York to address the General Assembly. Mr John Scali, the American Ambassador, told a press conference today that at least 10 other Palestinians had been granted visas.

He added: "Mr Arafat will have appropriate federal protection as well as New York city protection."

Karamanlis Cabinet reviled over Cyprus

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Nov 11

Mr Petros Garoufalias, leader of Greece's new law-and-order party, today attacked the Karamanlis Government for mishandling the Cyprus crisis, exposing the Greek armed forces to disdain, and dividing the Greek nationalists by branding half of them as junta supporters.

The leader of the National Democratic Union was addressing an outdoor rally in central Athens, the first of a series by political leaders this week as the main election campaign moved from the provinces to the capital. Mr Garoufalias claimed that Mr Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, aspired to become a de Gaulle-style president of a "semi-dictatorial democracy".

Mr Garoufalias a former liberal Defence Minister, criticized Mr Karamanlis, as well as Mr George Mavros, leader of the Centre Union-New Forces party and former Foreign Minister, for failing to blackmail the West into accepting the Security Council resolution on Cyprus under threat that Greece would leave Nato altogether and close all American bases.

A. M. Rendel writes: Archbishop Makarios, the deposed President of Cyprus, will arrive in London from the United States on Thursday, the day on which Mr Christofidis and Mr Patsalidis, the Foreign and Finance Ministers of Cyprus, also arrive for talks with Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, and officials.

Although the Cyprus Government has announced that their ministers are coming to London to present an outstanding claim of, according to some reports, as much as £100m for the British bases, Mr Christofidis and Mr Patsalidis will certainly be told that there can be no question of a settlement of the claim, until the political future of the island is agreed.

Fred Emery writes from Washington: A memorandum disclosed by Archbishop Iakavos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas, which purports to give an account of talks between the archbishop, President Ford and Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, represents the American leaders as holding back action on Cyprus to help Mr Karamanlis win the election.

Dr Kissinger was quoted as being anxious not to see Professor Andreas Papandreou returned to power, because, he said, that would mean subjecting Greece to communism.

Senator Jackson influences U S foreign policy from the insular affairs committee

Man who outmanoeuvred Dr Kissinger

By Louis Heren

Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, the main speaker at the annual dinner of the Pilgrims Society last night, has greatly influenced American foreign policy over the years without ever being a member of the Senate foreign relations committee. Coming from a north-western state, traditionally dependent upon federal aid, he wisely chose the interior and insular affairs committee, of which he is chairman, but he is anything but insular.

His latest victory, of course, was to outmanoeuvre Dr Henry Kissinger, the only Secretary of State to have been compared with Metternich, Talleyrand and Machiavelli. By slapping his now famous amendment on the Trade Bill, Dr Kissinger's chosen key to east-west détente, he secured agreement on the emigration of Soviet Jews.

The details have yet to be worked out, but whatever the Senator's original intention, the amendment could do much to humanize Soviet relations with the outside world.

No less important, in post-Watergate Washington, he asserted the authority of Congress in the making of foreign policy. He may also have reminded Dr Kissinger that Americans are uneasy when foreign policy is dictated only by national interests. Tedious as it may have been at times, moralistic fervour is part of the American character.

This was only the latest of Senator Jackson's triumphs. Perhaps his greatest was achieved in the late 1950s when he was chairman of the little-known subcommittee on government operations. A report he published in 1960 led to a complete reorganization of the National Security Council system, a debt which President Kennedy was happy to acknowledge.

Senator Jackson at his press conference yesterday.

The subcommittee's report appeared at an opportune moment. Kennedy had just won the Presidential election, and was determined to change the bureaucratic apparatus created during the Eisenhower Administration. He was not quite certain of what he wanted, in spite of all the academic advice he received, and the Jackson report, as it came to be known, provided a ready answer.

The key paragraphs were: "The integration of national policy—domestic, foreign, and military—must take place, first of all, in the President's mind. The consensus needed to support national policy largely depends on his powers of leadership and persuasion.

"The organization of the executive branch for making and carrying out national policy should therefore be designed above all to help the President with the heavy tasks that world leadership has thrust upon him. The new demands and dimensions of the office make it a new Presidency, significantly different from what it was in more quiet times.

"Each President will have his own style of doing business—the product of his nature and experience. Each President, therefore needs great freedom to adapt his office and procedures to suit the peculiarities of his style".

Some critics say that Kennedy went too far, and that his freewheeling style led inevitably to the Cuban invasion and the commitment to Vietnam. What is certain is that Senator Jackson proposed a model which enabled the President to carry out his constitutional duties unimpaired and uncompromised, and that led to complete reorganization of the national security machinery.

"Scoop" Jackson—he was once a newspaperman — is known as a hawk. He is also known as the Senator from Boeing, the big defence contractor which has plants in his state. This is a bit unfair as Washington state has diversified its economy, but clearly he believes in negotiating from strength.

He also has Presidential aspirations. His candidature did not get off the ground in 1972, but with Senator Edward Kennedy out of the race his chances in 1976 have obviously much improved. He still suffers from his defence of the American intervention in Vietnam, but he is a serious-minded man firmly attached to the Atlantic partnership.

Atlantic nations urged to force oil price cut

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The paramount and immediate objective of the nations of the Atlantic community should be to bring world oil prices down to levels that will give all nations a fighting chance to contain inflation, Senator Henry Jackson said at the Pilgrims' dinner in London last night.

"An essential step is to insulate the price of oil produced by consuming countries from the control of the producers' cartel. The present policy of allowing the cartel arbitrarily to establish price levels for all oil—not just the oil they produce and export—should not be legitimized by the inaction of the United States and other consuming nations which are also important oil producers."

Senator Jackson who, as chairman of the Senate committee on interior affairs has had a big influence on American energy policy, said that he was proposing the establishment of a "Special Council of Economic and Financial Ministers" to devise and implement a new strategy for economic survival.

"I believe we must join together in an international effort with the urgency, confidence and intelligence that, in an earlier crisis, accompanied and sustained the Marshall Plan for the postwar reconstruction of Europe", Senator Jackson said.

"The oil-consuming nations of Europe, along with our friends in Japan and elsewhere, must hammer out a cohesive economic and financial strategy capable of promoting their interests, and the world's interest, in realistic oil prices and a stable wo economy."

Setting out an agenda the proposed council, Sena Jackson put most emphasis bringing down the price of and also commended action conservation.

"Essential to any ove plan to bring down the pr of oil is a tough programme limit demand through man tory energy conservation", said. "All consuming nati need to fashion comprehens and concerted plans to li consumption by eliminat waste while maintaining nomic viability."

The consuming countr must also develop the capa to withstand "curtailments" their sources of imported An important start had b made in the Energy Worl Group and in the negotiati for burden-sharing and operative action in mee emergency supply situati When Congress reconvened a week he would seek e approval of legislation to plement this agreement.

Senator Jackson added they could not overlook plight of the developing c tries. The international logue now under way on critical issue of food wa first step, which needed t followed by rapid implen tation of cooperative proj to prevent famine. J efforts to build ferti plants in the Persian deserved careful considerati

"Throughout all aspects our cooperative endeavour, need to maintain a contin dialogue with oil-produ nations and less-develo countries on the critical is of fuel, finance, and food" concluded.

Pretoria judge rejects plea by detainees

From Our Correspondent
Pretoria, Nov 11

A Pretoria Supreme Court judge today refused to grant an injunction against assault or unlawful interrogation by the police of five detainees under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Justice Trengrove also refused to order that the detainees be interviewed by someone appointed by the court.

Corroboration of the assaults was required, he said, and, in fact, the evidence of a magistrate and a doctor who made reports before the proceedings were brought against the police cast "very serious doubts" on the allegations of maltreatment.

'Uganda mutiny' discounted

Nairobi, Nov 11.—Travellers from Kampala said today that the situation in Uganda was normal and discounted reports of a mutiny in President Idi Amin's Army.

The reports of the killing of 15 soldiers in fighting at the Mbuya barracks came from Ugandan exile sources in Dar es Salaam.—Reuter.

China visit date

Washington, Nov 11.—Dr Kissinger will visit China from November 25 to 29, immediately after the Vladivostok summit between President Ford and Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, the State Department announced today.—AP.

Settlement hope as US coal strike starts

From Frank Vogl
United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, Nov 11

A national coal strike by 125,000 members of the United Mine Workers union officially starts at midnight with the expiration of the current labour contract. Most coal mines were closed today for the Veterans' Day holiday.

The strike will hit more than 70 per cent of America's coal output. For days employers and union officials have suggested that agreement on a new labour contract is imminent.

Mr Guy Farmer, chief negotiator for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, was hopeful of reaching a settlement last night and now states that agreement should be reached by midweek.

Mr Mike Trbovich, a vice-president of the union stated today that he is also hopeful of a mid-week agreement. But union officials point out that it will take at least nine days after a settlement at the negotiating table for the strike to be ended.

Department of Labour officials estimate that a 10-day strike will result in the closing of about one third of the nation's steel industry and the whole of this industry could be brought to a halt if the strike lasts for 30 days.

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50 feared dead as Luanda fighting continues

Luanda, Nov 11.—Shooting continued today in the suburbs of the Angolan capital of Luanda after two days of violence in which more than 50 people were reported killed and more than 100 injured.

The city's main hospital, the São Paulo, was overflowing with wounded, and this afternoon a child being treated there was injured by shots fired from a neighbouring building.

Portuguese military authorities again ordered all civilian vehicles off suburban streets tonight. In the city centre angry disputes broke out in a main square during lunchtime, and the area was choked later with employees abandoning their offices early to reach home before dark.

Firing slackened in Luanda, this evening, but fresh trouble was reported from the Angolan enclave of Cabinda. Black soldiers formerly belonging to Portugal's so-called "special troops" were reported by newspapers to have taken 39 people hostage.

Tradesmen and Portuguese soldiers were reported to be among those abducted by the blacks, who were said to support the Front for the Liberation of Cabinda (FLEC), a movement pressing for Cabinda to be separated from Angola.—Reuter.

Senator warns Russians o arms threat to détente

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, Nov 11

Détente between the United States and the Soviet Union was being threatened by the new surge in the strategic arms race, Senator Walter Mondale told a select Moscow audience today.

Speaking before members of the United States Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, the Democrat senator from Minnesota gave warning that recent Soviet testing of intercontinental ballistic missiles with multiple warheads appeared to indicate that Russia was developing the power to strike first. If these latest missiles were widely deployed, they could raise doubts as to future Soviet intentions.

"Speaking as someone who has opposed several increases in American strategic weaponry, I must say frankly there are aspects of the new Soviet strategic programme that are profoundly disturbing. There should be no doubt that if Soviet strategic deployments threaten to make parts of our deterrent vulnerable, we will respond", Mr Mondale said.

The United States was also going ahead with programmes to increase the American "silo killing" capability. But first-strike capacity and strategy by either side was inconsistent the basic idea of détente. S suggested that at next w summit meting between P dent Ford and Mr Brezhne prompt agreement should made that control of such strike forces become the hig priority on the agenda of strategic arms limitation t

The senator listed as main challengers to Ameri Soviet détente the countries' economic and fi cial difficulties brought or the fourfold increase in prices, the political turmoi many Western nations, and threat of renewed war in Middle East.

The Soviet response to gathering world crisis "w be a stern test of the dé and the principal of restrai which it is based", he said. restraint alone was not enc The network of internati relationships was now so that unravelling in one could undo the entire fabri peace.

Answering questions. Mondale expressed confid that the long-delayed trade granting the Soviet Union n favoured nation status w pass in Congress before the of the year. He had been g encouraging assurances on Jewish emigration issue.

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Mr Smith sees new hope of a settlement

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Nov 11

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, said tonight there is once more a possibility of a settlement in the constitutional issue consequent on developments in other countries.

In a national independence day television and radio broadcast Mr Smith said his Government would do all in its power to achieve settlement. He recalled that he and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, President of the African National Council, had reached an agreement, "but the extremists of his executive won the day and threw it out.

"Thereafter the same extremists rejected my invitation to a round table conference." Mr Smith went on: "For some months now little has transpired because the ANC has been dealing with certain personality problems in an attempt to put its own house in order. However, the situation has been overtaken recently by new developments emanating from certain other countries.

"This means that once more there appears to be the possibility of a settlement

Libya shakes food conference

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Nov 11

Libya today shook the World Food Conference today with offers of aid to developing countries from its oil income on stringent conditions practically impossible to meet.

Mr Muhamad Ali Tabuo, the Libyan Minister of Agriculture, explained to the plenary session of the conference his country's contribution to agriculture in developing countries would be forthcoming if "the big powers abandon their unlimited spending on wars and fatal experimentations in supporting aggression, and direct their funds instead towards the development and welfare of the world.

"The Libyan Arab Republic will make the imperialistic American oil companies responsible for the oil resources so far plundered from the Libyan territories". He reserved the right to demand full and just compensation either directly or through international bodies, for the damage suffered during "the imperialistic wars and successive fascist invasions."

The speech gave absolutely no reason to suppose that these final six days of the conference will bring the change in quality and comprehension of the huge issue of starvation and th ened disaster which it called to face.

Mr Sayed Marei, the se tary-general, said in an i view published today by conference newspaper *Pan* he had already accepted de on his proposal for a new w food authority, and added the projected agricultural velopment fund was in ser danger.

"Up to now", he said, "I believe that achieving a flow of resources requires ing the fund. but if that d not happen it is enough for to have the new flow thro bilateral channels."

West blamed for keeping South Africa in UN

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, Nov 11

Leaders of South Africa's two million Coloured people have criticized the action by the western powers to keep South Africa in the United Nations. They are the only political leaders in the republic to have expressed the view that South Africa should have been expelled for violating the UN charter.

Mr Sony Leon, leader of the Coloured Labour Party, and Mr David Curry, his deputy, made their attitude known to Mr Donald Easum, the United States Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, who is in South Africa during a fact-finding mission to the continent.

The Coloured leaders also advised Mr Easum not to be misled by the South African speech at the United Nations expressing rejection of racial discrimination. So far as the South African Government was concerned, they said, separate development was still the policy and it was nothing but racism.

The views expressed by Mr Leon and Mr Curry reflect the *increasingly bitter opposition of* Coloured people to apartheid, which offers them not even the hope of a "homeland" as it does to Africans.

Coloured frustration with the Government was heightened last week when Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, rejected their demands for parliamentary representation and offered instead a vague form of "cabinet *status" for their leaders.*

Mr Leon and Mr Curry also called on the United States to step up its aid programmes to blacks in South Africa and to bring pressure to bear on American companies operating here to abolish discrimination.

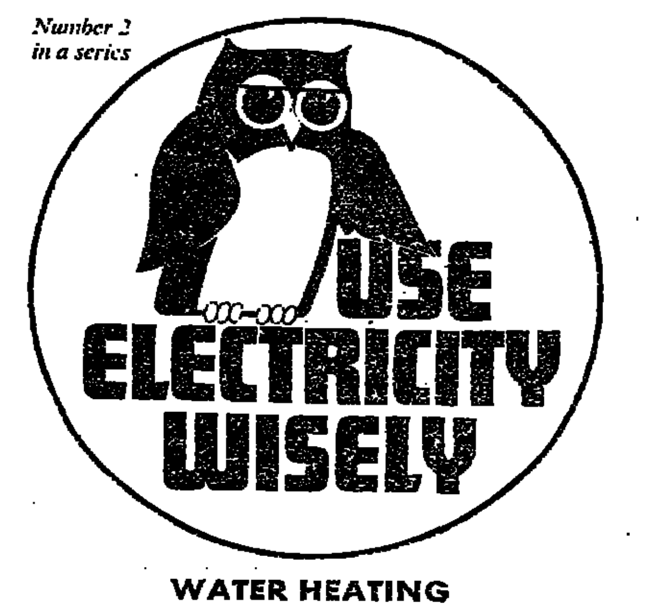
At a press conference at the weekend, Mr Leon said that Mr Vorster had confirmed that Coloureds would remain second-class citizens in the land of their birth and had denied what had been promised at the United Nations. He predicted that the Government could expect confrontation as Coloured people would not be satisfied with the proposals made to them.

Beirut jail death was natural

Beirut, Nov 11.—The death of Michael Clough, aged 24, of London, in a Beirut prison last week was due to an asthmatic attack, a British Embassy spokesman said. He was arrested on June 21 on drug charges.—AP.

Korchnoi narrows Karpov's lead

Moscow, Nov 11.—Viktor Korchnoi, the Soviet Grandmaster, tonight raced to a 19-move victory over Anatoly Karpov to narrow Karpov's lead to 3—2 with three games remaining of their world challenger's final.—Reuter.



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e far flung Anglican Church the Middle East dergoes a quiet transformation

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g the many changes g in the Middle East one ikely to pass unnoticed people is the reorgan- f the Anglican Church. mplex operation, which affects only a few d people, and it is being l with the minimum of that discreet man, Dr Stopford, the former f London.

opford has the rather ded title of The Arch- of Canterbury's Vicar- in Jerusalem and the East. He took over from ner Archbishop in Jeru- the Right Rev George n, who retired last year. Middle East, in Anglican a very large area. Until r it covered the whole orld from the Atlantic Persian Gulf as well as Cyprus, Iran, and the seaboard of Africa as h as Mogadishu.

t the beginning of this idan, which has 120,000 00 Anglicans—far more the other countries put r—reverted to the direct of the Archbishop of bury. It is intended that ir Sudanese bishops and anese priests should, in urse, form a province of wn.

diction in Morocco has een transferred to the of Gibraltar. But ns in Libya, Tunisia, , Ethiopia and the territory of the Afars Issas, remain under the ty of the diocese in whose first Egyptian the Right Rev Ishak h, was consecrated by Dr d on All Saints Day in nts' Cathedral, Cairo.

nominally under his ity, though for political s not easily accessible to are the Anglicans of a and South Yemen. It e assumed that he will n eye on any that are to nd in North Yemen and Arabia. (These countries not been included in any e because their Muslim resent any hint of ian interference.) These erritories together do not include more than about a thousand Anglicans, and Bishop Musaad's vast diocese has only five priests.

The diocese in Iran whose boundaries are not changing, does rather better with 12 *priests and a congregation* of about 1,500. But the new diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, with the same number of priests, will have to cope with a potential congregation whose numbers are unknown but may be as high as 20,000—as Dr Stopford puts it "a large and growing number of people who need pastoral care".

The unifying characteristic of this improbably far-flung diocese is that both clergy and congregation are expatriates. Appropriately, therefore, its bishop will be the only Englishman among *the four diocesan* bishops in the Middle East when the new arrangement comes into force.

Appropriately too, in view of the amount of air travel his job involves, he is a former Royal Air Force chaplain, the Right Rev Leonard Ashton. Although the diocese does not yet formally exist, he is already looking after it with the title of Assistant Bishop in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem itself will be the seat of a new diocese including both the present diocese in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria and "all that is left of the Bishopric in Jerusalem when Cyprus and the Gulf are taken out". This cumbersome circumlocution is used because both "Israel" and "Palestine" are considered politically loaded words. In fact, the 24 priests and 4,000 communicants of the new diocese in Jerusalem are mainly Arabs, and they will have an Arab bishop the Right Rev Faiq Haddad.

He was consecrated last August as Bishop Coadjutor in Jerusalem, at the same time as another Arab, the Right Rev Aql Aql, who is now an assistant bishop in Jordan, residing in Amman. The present diocesan Bishop in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, the Right Rev Naguib Cubain resides in Jerusalem.

Bishops have the privilege of being allowed to cross the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan in their own cars. This privilege has not been withdrawn in spite of the alleged arms smuggling by the Greek Catholic Archbishop, Mgr Hilarion Capucci.

But one Anglican clergyman who is not allowed to cross the bridge at all is a parish priest in Amman, the Rev Ilya Khoury. He is a member of the executive of the Palestine Liberation Organization and may become a minister without portfolio in the proposed Palestinian Government in exile. None the less Bishop Cubain regards him as a model parish priest, and he has promised not to give up his parish.

Bishop Cubain's retirement on January 6, 1976, will mark the beginning of the new dispensation and thus also enable Dr Stopford to retire for the second time and return to England. From then on authority will be *delegated by the Archbishop of* Canterbury collectively to the four dioceses. One of the four diocesan bishops will be elected as presiding bishop for five years, and will be re-eligible once only for a further five.

The Central Synod—similar to the English General Synod—will *be composed of three houses*: a House of Bishops consisting of the four diocesans, a House of Clergy with one priest from each diocese, and a House of Laity with two laymen from each diocese.

But inevitably in view of the distances, the individual *diocesan synods* will have to take more of the responsibility than they do in England, and in Cyprus and the Gulf the diocesan synod itself will have to meet in two separate regional groups.

The entity thus created will be an independent province of the Anglican communion in all but name. But legally it will still not be a province, because authority will still be delegated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who in theory at least will retain a residual power to intervene. Such was the decision of the Anglican Consultative Council in Dublin last year.

Dr Stopford and the local clergy accept this, but they do not intend to write it into the new statutes. They will leave it to the Archbishop to spell out in his mandate if he so pleases, and hope that in practice it will remain a dead letter.

naka Cabinet dismissals ter denial of corruption

Peter Hazelhurst

, Nov 11

Tanaka, the Japanese Minister, confronted by g demands for his resig- denied allegations today e is guilty of corrupt s practices. He then led his Cabinet in what s to be a determined t to demonstrate his h before the nation and ate his rivals within the of the ruling Liberal ratic Party.

dropped 12 of the 20 rs of the Cabinet tonight, ng *eight* powerful party ts, including the more hetic faction leaders such Masayoshi Ohira, the er for Finance. Mr Toshio a, the Foreign Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone. inister for International and Industry.

ificantly, members of actions led by the Prime er's two main opponents the party, Mr Takeo a, the former Finance er, and Mr Takeo Miki, as Deputy Prime Minister, llowed to retain only two ely minor portfolios, at Ministries for Autonomy he Environment respec- after Mr Tanaka called a g of the party hierarchy gent consultations.

further move to fortify sition today, Mr Tanaka ted a long-standing and h ally, Mr Susumu lo, *who resigned* as et Secretary today, as ary-general of the ruling Another supporter, Mr u Takeshita, the deputy Cabinet Secretary, was appointed Chief Cabinet Secretary.

The swift and dramatic change in the leadership of the ruling party took place after the Prime Minister, who was urged by worried members to bring about a measure of reunification before President Ford visits Tokyo next week, made an abortive attempt to placate his two principal opponents this morning.

Mr Miki and Mr Fukuda, who met the Prime Minister for the first time today since they resigned their Cabinet posts in July, emerged from the meeting *to disclose that they* had refused to cooperate with Mr Tanaka when he attempted to consult them on the proposed changes.

Facing the nation at a televised press conference today, Mr Tanaka made a brave and seemingly confident attempt to dispel rumours about *his business* activities. When questioned by the Japanese press, he denied that he had evaded taxes, established bogus companies to speculate in land or used his position to enhance his private business interests.

He said that he had asked a team of financial experts to investigate the accusations and he would publish the results as soon as possible.

He added: "As a person of public importance I realize that I have been the talk of the nation. . . . I admit that I have been in business since I entered politics 28 years ago, but I can assure you I have never used my position in politics to further my business interests."

Roman Catholics mass at Saigon youth's funeral

From Bruce Palling

Saigon, Nov 11

A memorial service, attended by more than a thousand Roman Catholics, was held at a Saigon church yesterday for a 17-year-old youth who died eight days ago allegedly as a result of police shooting. Earlier in the afternoon, the predominantly *Buddhist National Recon*ciliation Force held a seminar in the grounds of the An Quang pagoda which was attended by an estimated 500 people.

The National Reconciliation Force, which is backed by the powerful An Quang Buddhist congregation, has not been as *politically active as the Catholic*-organized Peoples' Anti-Corruption Movement (PACM), but speakers at the pagoda discussed at length the question of the "third force" *in South Viet*namese Politics.

The gatherings were the first big meetings held by *either group since the National* Day speech on November 1 by President Thieu who accused the communists and "the henchmen of international colonialists" of making every effort to create political disturbances with a view to overthrowing the Government.

A three-day national congress of Buddhist youth, organized by the An Quang congregation has also opened. This meeting was attended by three hundred delegates who were told by Thich Giac Duc, acting general commissioner of Buddhist youth, that foreigners and the "corrupt South Vietnamese Government" were the main obstacles to the development of the Buddhist religion and to reconciliation among the people.

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David Bonavia

g, Nov 11

future of Korea has been ht into the open as yet er point of contention be- *China and the Soviet* In an official commen- the New China news y has accused Moscow of ing contacts with South and ignoring proposals esident Kim Il Sung of Korea for the reunifica- f the country.

s seems to mark the end long period during which has consented to avoid y involving North Korea e dispute with Russia. North Koreans have usly avoided any such in- nent, though they have *d to lean towards China* ly on international ques-

commentary, published *People's Daily*, reported Tass had accused China of g an agreement to sell tons of red pepper to Korea. It went on to numerous contacts which taken place between Mos- nd Seoul in sport, journa- diplomacy and other es.

ngyang, with its rigid anti- icanism, has had to see Moscow and Peking im- their relations with Wash- to an extent which it barely have dreamed of years ago.

Private firms in Australia blamed for setback

From Our Correspondent

Melbourne, Nov 11

Mr Frank Crean, the Australian Treasurer, said today that Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, would announce in Parliament tomorrow a comprehensive programme of measures to help boost the economy and check the rise in unemployment. Mr Crean did not think that anything the Government could do would have a dramatic effect, but it would begin to restore some of the confidence which had begun to disappear.

The Government could only do a certain amount and the economic situation would not be anywhere as bad as it was if private companies were more enterprising instead of "continually bellyaching".

The statement to be made *on* the economy by Mr Whitlam will propose further moves, following those announced at the weekend by Mr Crean.

These were the abolition of the variable deposit rule under which 5 per cent of overseas borrowing had to be lodged on an interest-free basis with the Reserve Bank: a provision for Australians to borrow short-term on international money markets; and the reduction of Treasury Note interest rates from the start of business today. The Treasurer predicted cuts in yields on other short-term federal securities.

These steps towards improving Australia's economic climate were generally welcomed today by the business community although there was a widespread inclination to await details of the Prime Minister's statement.

Mr R. Hawke, president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, expressed the hope and belief that the Government would announce a series of moves within the week designed to improve the economy. He said the steps already taken had been in the right direction.

Eight injured in express train crash

Zagreb, Yugoslavia, Nov 11.—Eight people were slightly injured when the Athens-Munich express crashed into a stationary *goods train* at a station about 12 miles from Zagreb early today.—Reuter.

Mayor defeats priest in Montreal poll

Montreal, Nov 11.—Mr Jean Drapeau has been reelected Mayor of Montreal today for a fifth four-year term. His main opponent was Father Jacques Couture, a Jesuit worker-priest.—Agence France Presse.

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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Left : Fine wool lace skirt, with top and voluminous jacket in white wool. Multicoloured stitches on the shoulders, guipure lace edgings.

Below left : White broderie Anglais suit with camisole moire top. Hat by Diane Logan.

Above : Beige proofed raincape, caught up into deep cuffs, cut from a wide, banded yoke which extends over the shoulder. Hat by Diane Logan.
All by Bill Gibb
Photographs by Harry Kerr

Top : Actor Dallas Adams wears the winner of the Alan Paine/Kingston Polytechnic men's knitwear project, a grey and russet long waistcoat and a cardigan with a cut-away round neckline by Pimm Turley.

Above : The runner up in the Alan Paine/Kingston Polytechnic men's knitwear project, a cream jacket and cream-sand-dove sweater by Annette Heiber.

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Perhaps all reporters suffer the occasional midnight funk about their special subject. Does the football correspondent sweat out the dream of all Manchester United team members breaking their legs simultaneously? Could Allez France one day prefer to run backwards? If the England team all had septic thumbs. who then would wield the bat? Could Rembrandt go out of fashion? Could Ken Russell make a straight film from *Little Bo Peep*?

My personal niggle is that because in the past few years the changes in fashion have become not an evolution but an explosion; one day I may get the idea that I have seen it all before. Thus, this week has been especially gratifying because I can report three shows which have proved that my fears are quite without foundation. I begin with Bill Gibb, who, moving from the fantasie genre when some thought that might be his only statement. has proved himself a star of international standing who is also honoured in his own country—which is ofter harder to achieve.

To say that Bill's two greatest gifts are his consistency and his originality might sound so much of a contradiction as to make readers feel that all this exposure to new ideas has robbed me of sense. But it is really the only way to describe his talent. Every Bill Gibb collection is categorically his own. The touches are unique, the juxtaposition of fabrics regularly amazing, and the distribution of the volume of fabric superb. At the same time his collections are consistent in their brilliance of imagination while each is new and different from the one that went before.

In the new collection for next spring, Bill Gibb uses fine leather against pure silk with a wistful poppy design by Susan Collier of Liberty; stark white guipure inserts on a dark hombre striped cotton by Bernard Nevill; cream net sprangled with ears of corn in cream silk thread; and perhaps most surprising of all, deep guipure flounces on Qiana jersey, on raschel knitting and on soft woolly tops. For wet weather he has a sheeny, satiny, melon pink fabric with a geometric pattern; for evening he has ravishing embroideries by Schlaffer of Switzerland.

Like all really strong designers, Bill Gibb does some clothes that take a lot of wearing—the calf-length accordion pleated crepe skirts for instance, which break at an uncompromising level on the knee; the rigid camisole bodices in ice cream striped moire, which are constructed on the lines of a corset and coloured like an item for all to see (something subtle here); and the necklines, so narrowly edged, can be harsh. But it is precisely this initial strength which makes him so important. Only a shout can be heard in the current fashion din. Any radical line will be modified for mass taste, and the problem with too many designers is that they start out sotto voce and end up inaudible. Bill Gibb has made a fine speech, and one which many will listen to.

The other two collections I have been looking at are for men—as a matter of fact Bill Gibb plans to do menswear in the future, too—and both were refreshingly novel. Angus Stewart will show in the Crush Bar of the Royal Opera House on November 28, and like Bill owes a fabric debt to Susan Collier of Liberty. He says he has been trying to break down the "rigidity of men's clothing", and he has succeeded. Both in the concept of what "is necessary" and in the construction of individual items, Mr Stewart shows a breezy iconoclasm. There are no jackets as such in his collection, and no suits. All the colours of the items coordinate or at any rate cooperate; most of the shapes of the different layers are congenial company. The outlines have a Biblical simplicity and Biblical colouring—sand, earth bricks, the green of the eucalyptus, by the Sea of Galilee, and the grey-blue of the sea itself.

The shapes are loose, the knitwear stitches (all made by Diana Chabot) quite unexpected, the shirt-coats unlined and unpadded. I sometimes find clothing designed for men which impinges on traditional women's dressmaking shapes unendearing, but maybe because these clothes were cut in Italy by the great Siviglia they are not ambiguous, though essentially unisex. Best of all they have a secret. They look rugged and homespun and "son-of-the-soil" to the observer. To touch they are as soft as a kitten.

Alan Paine staged the judging of its men's knitwear project with Kingston Polytechnic last week, and to my mind got a bonus out of the event in the outstanding quality of the colour and textures of the entries, all of which had been constructed and devised by the students. Since Paine's wanted designs which could be made and sold commercially, the students applied an extra amount of talent perhaps to the materials, but the shapes were also excellent. In the end I chose a grey, rust patterned, very long waistcoat with a ribbed welt and back under a grey thick-stitch cardigan with an interesting cut-out neck by Pimm Turley, and as runner up an extremely elegant and practical thick-knit jacket with nice revers over a soft, round-necked sweater by Annette Heiber, a dazzling red-head from Germany who seems to combine looks and bright ideas in equal proportion. I was also delighted to hear from Daphne Brooker that an ex-Kingston student, Jackie Herbert, is going to Valentino in Rome. So is the young New Zealander, Philip Shortt, who while he was a student at the RCA was lucky enough to be able to get some valuable experience working for Edward Lloyd of Grey Flannel.

For those who enjoy watching the best of fashion beautifully presented and at the same time supporting a good cause, I recommend the Paris at the Savoy Ball on Monday, November 18. This is in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund, and the fashion you can see is that of my favourite French designer, Gerard Pipart of Nina Ricci. He is bringing over the couture collection plus the models. Pipart has a lovely sporty look in his day clothes and ravishingly pretty evening dresses, and he is to my mind one of the most flattering and wearable of designers. More details and tickets (price £15 each) from Miss Emma Smedley, 49 Lennox Gardens, London, S.W.1, telephone 01-581 1097 or 01-584 5182.

Above : Angus Stewart's big, loose caramel and white tabard knitted by Diana Chabot, worn with a silk shirt in a Liberty print by Susan Collier.

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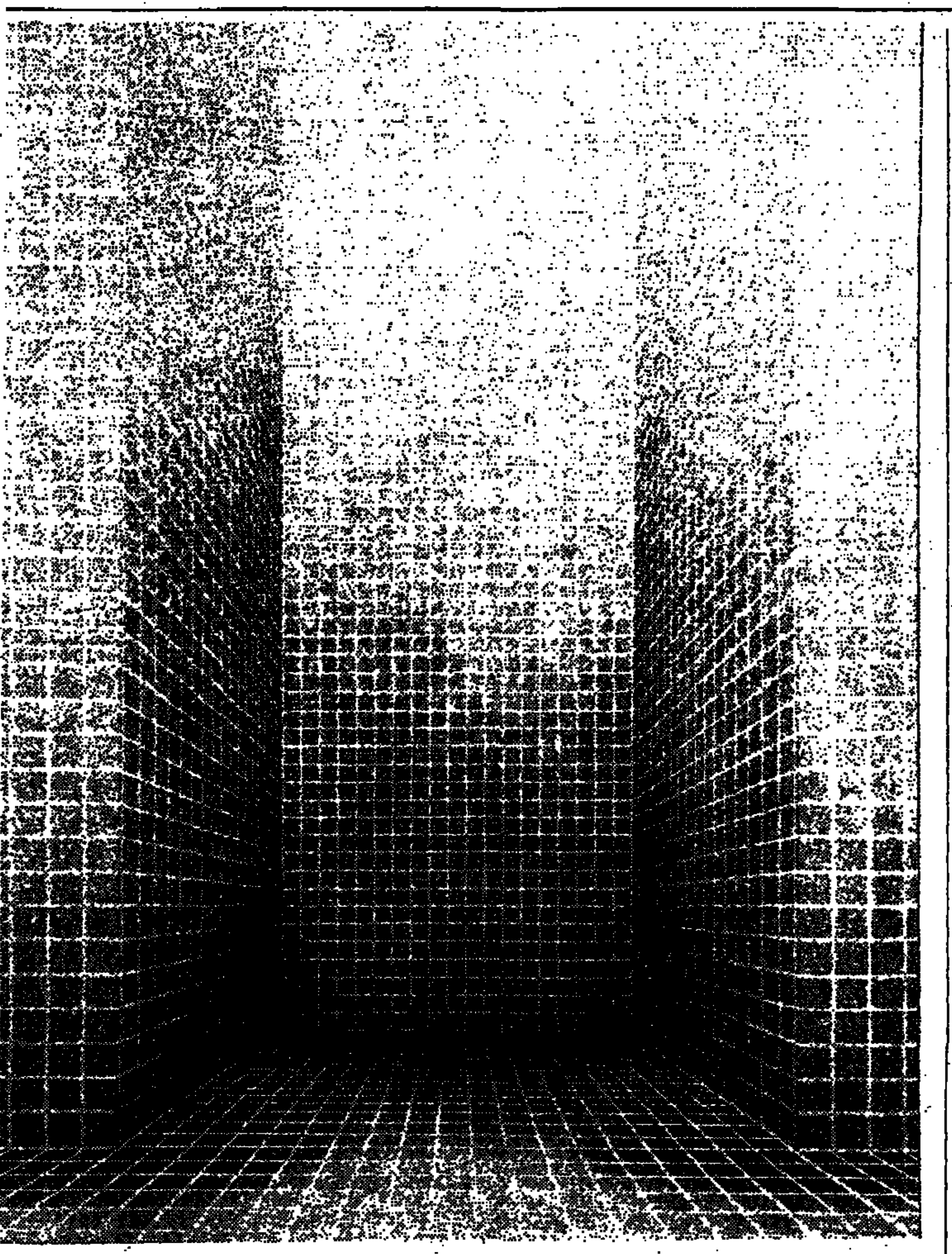

Hans Peter Reuter: Municipal Bath without Thing

Should artists go on strike?

As part of a series of cultural events from West Germany this autumn, the ICA is showing until November 24 *Art into Society, Society into Art: Seven German Artists* and the Serpentine Gallery until December 1 *Five from Germany*. Both exhibitions have been organized by German critics, the ICA show by Christos Joachimides, and the Serpentine by Robert Kudielka. The ICA show is of artists of strong political commitment and follows from two important earlier shows in Germany, *Kunst und Politik (Art and Politics)* in Karlsruhe in 1970 and *Kunst in Politischen Kampf (Art in the Political Struggle)* at Hanover earlier this year. The Serpentine exhibition is a personal and eclectic choice.

West Germany is one of the most prosperous of European countries, where the art market thrives and where each turn and twist of the avant-garde has been pursued eagerly and relentlessly by dealers, collectors and museum directors. Public galleries and museums are supported liberally by State funds and helped by private collectors and industrialists. Wishing to escape from this net of connexions, politically committed artists have attempted to work upon society directly. Political commitment here means inevitably commitment to the Left, for in Germany, as elsewhere in the visual arts, there does not seem to be the equivalent of the Kingsley Amis-John Braine writers' lobby, or if there is they do not speak out.

These German artists have turned for their means to the years of Berlin Dada, the most political branch of Dada, and to the political photomontage of John Heartfield which grew out of Dada. Klaus Staeck's posters are directly inspired by the work of Heartfield. Staeck is a lawyer by training and profession, not an artist. Yet his posters show considerable visual skill. It might be objected that they are too "aesthetic", too consciously well-designed, compared with most of Heartfield's montages, which were more overwhelmingly direct. But in an important way the function of these posters is different. Heartfield's montages were published in left-wing magazines; whereas Staeck's posters compete in more public context, that of professional German advertising graphics, and deliberately adopt its visual tone. At any rate they seem to have been effective enough in the field (outside, on hoardings and poster sites) to get the CDU to bring court injunctions against Staeck.

Dieter Hacker, who used to work in a constructivist style, now spends most of his time running the Produzentengalerie, a converted shop over which he lives and where he organizes exhibitions of a kind which cannot be shown elsewhere and from which he publishes posters and leaflets. At the ICA Hacker has a series of banners on which he sets out his ideals and aims in running the Produzentengalerie.

It would be difficult not to respect his definition of art, whatever one's political persuasion: "Art is man's self-determination. Art is the motor behind history—not the fine-painting and well-rounded sculpture, but the ability of man to determine his own life, to recognize his needs and assert them, to articulate his interests, as effectively, and thus as unconventionally as possible, and with as much fantasy as possible, and with the maximum possible intelligence."

Albrecht D's concern with famine in the third world, its *cause and possible care*, are clearer and more effective in the catalogue than in the material shown at the ICA. This raises an interesting issue which is compounded by the contribution of Gustav Metzger. Metzger was born in Germany but came to England as a refugee in 1939 and has lived here ever since. He has been an important figure in the English and international avant-garde, well known to artists and students if not to the general public. It was he who organized the *Destruction in Art* symposium in London in 1966 and four years earlier gave an important lecture on the subject at Ealing Art School which influenced a young man named Peter Townshend who was later to spectacularly destroy his sound equipment on stage.

Recently Metzger has declared his own withdrawal from art activity, and his contribution to this exhibition is contained entirely in the catalogue. He proposes that artists adopt the industrial tactic of withdrawing their labour for the three years 1977 to 1980, thus destroying the art world as we know it which he considers incurably corrupt. Instead of producing art, would-be artists should spent their time examining the problems of art and its relationship with society. But, says Metzger, "some artists may find it difficut to restrain themselves from producing art. These artists will be invited to enter camps where the making of art works is forbidden and where any work produced is destroyed at regular intervals." From an artist who was a refugee from the Nazis, one hopes there is some irony intended here. Or is this an example of leftists coming uncommonly close to the right, something which happened in the early years of Fascism in Italy?

Similar doubts are raised by the contribution of Hans Haacke. Haacke has lived for some years in New York and shows a reproduction of a small painting, *A Bunch of Asparagus*, by Manet, accompanied by "documentation" of the lives and careers of those who subsequently bought or came into possession of the painting. Haacke begins by giving Manet's own "bourgeois" credentials and connexions for, like many other major artists, Cézanne, Klee and Kandinsky among them, Manet was fortunate in having private means.

Yet I *found myself* unable to work out exactly why Haacke had singled out a painting by Manet for this treatment. For although this particular painting is hardly revolutionary, Manet outraged the bourgeoisie with *Lunch on the Grass* and was one of the few painters of his generation to paint a picture with direct political subject matter, *The Execution of the Emperor Maximilian*.

The asparagus painting was first acquired by Charles Ephrussi, who was the second model for Proust's Swann. Haacke comments: "Instead of paying 800 francs to Manet for *A Bunch of Asparagus* as agreed upon, he pays 1,000 francs. To show his gratitude Manet sends him the still life of a single asparagus (1880, oil on canvas, 6½ x 8½, Paris, Musée de l'Impressionism) with a note: 'There is one still missing in your bunch.'" But as Manet had no need of money why did he need to show gratitude? Might not this have been an ironic gesture?

More disturbing is the persistent stressing by Haacke of the Jewish origins of the owners of the painting, which included the left-wing writer Paul Cassirer and the painter Max Liebermann.

Joseph Beuys's work is by now fairly well known in Britain and his drawing exhibition, now in Belfast, was seen at the ICA this summer. Apart from an absence in Ulster he has been at the exhibition writing on the blackboards on the floor of the gallery. A speech by Beuys made at the opening of his drawing exhibition in Krefeld this May and reprinted in the catalogue is surprisingly and usually lucid. Again one is forced to reflect that the catalogue in many ways gives a better idea of what these artists are about than the exhibition. Another paradox is that this leftist and often virulently anti-establishment exhibition comes with the official sponsorship of the West German Government. Nevertheless I doubt whether it would be possible to organize an exhibition of British artists who question as seriously and intelligently the relationship between art and society.

Yet it is almost with relief and in search of the fantasy which is not much in evidence at the ICA, that one goes to the *Serpentine*. There are two artists of undeniable compulsion here. Nikolaus Lang has created a kind of archaeological reconstruction of the traces which remain of a poor and reclusive peasant family, now all dead, who used to live in a remote part of Upper Bavaria. As a youth Lang knew some of the family and his attempt to reach and recreate something of the quality of their lives is done with great humility, dedication and emotional control.

Hans Peter Reuter makes obsessional paintings and reliefs of the blue-tiled interiors of municipal swimming baths and their cubicles and passages. He uses the perspective recession of the lines of tiles and the filtered blue light to evoke the possibility of human presence without ever showing a human figure. From Kudielka's introduction it seems that, prior to 1971, Reuter used to include a creature called "the Thing" in each of his paintings, breaking through the eerie calm of blue-tiled, illusory spaces. All the works here are "without Thing" and, one would imagine, more haunting and effective for that.

Paul Overy

Homage to a black poet

Owen's Song
Last Colony,
Washington

Clive Barnes

More than four years ago Robert Hooks one of the country's leading black actors and a co-founder of the Negro Ensemble Company in New York, turned his back on Hollywood and Broadway and came to Washington. He came to build. What he has built is the D.C. Black Repertory Company.

I first saw the company last year when it went to the Kennedy Centre to give Jean Genet's *The Blacks* but now I have seen the company for the first time in its own context, in its own home at the Last Colony Theatre on Georgia Avenue. The theatre itself is an old transformed movie house (significantly, it used to be called just the Colony, and it makes a very nice home for the Black Repertory, more opulent but perhaps not so challenging as the NEC Theatre on St. Mark's Place.

One difference I did notice was that the proportion between black and white spectators was markedly up on black in Washington. Whether this is a plus or a minus, I wouldn't know. Somehow my liberal bleeding heart tells me that it is good, and my common sense suggests that the reason for it is simply that in Washington the theatre is solidly within the black district. It is as if *the NEC were in Harlem.*

As the black theatre finds itself, it is moving farther and farther from the white theatre. The Black Repertory has opened its season with a striking musical and dramatic collage called *Owen's Song* and its content, style, manner, impact and intention have virtually nothing to do with white theatre. There are similarities—both Frederic Chopin and Jelly Roll Morton played much the same piano—but it is the differences that count.

Owen's Song is a mixture of poetry, dance, drama and music in a homage to the black poet and teacher, Owen Dodson. It uses excerpts from Dodson's poems, many of which are concerned with climbing a ladder to catch the bird of freedom. The story line, which is deliberately loose, has been taken from Dodson's own full-length play *Bayou Legend*, and the whole work represents the aspirations and the attainment of physical but, just as important, spiritual freedom—the capture of the white bird. The directors append a quotation from Dodson as a kind of epigraph to the production. It reads: "Freedom is a child you have to sit with at night holding its hand."

Owen's Song has been conceived, choreographed and directed by Glenda Dickerson and Mike Malone. Miss Dickerson is a director, at one time associated with Dodson in the Howard University drama department, and Malone is a dancer and choreographer, co-director of the D. C. Repertory Dance Company with Louis Johnson and Charles Augins.

What they have devised is beautiful. With its poetry and music, by Clyde-Jacques Barrett and Dennis Wiley, *Owen's Song* is a kind of pictogram for freedom. Superficially it is almost a dance work, but the poetry is also omnipresent, so it becomes a masque for our day, lyrical, succinct and meaningful.

There is an infectious joyousness to the piece, a visual beauty and a swiftly poetic meassage. The theme, taken, I understand, from *Bayou Legend*, is of a young man climbing a ladder to catch that bird of freedom.

This is a seamless masque, and it is quite impossible to see where choreography starts or drama ends. It has the essence of poetry to it, with a grandeur of concept and a simplicity of effort. It has a style of its own, and trades in images. It is an unusually pregnant piece of theatre, subtly suggestive of future possibilities perhaps of some concept of the dance/music/poem staged with theatrical grace. *Owen's Song* is tuneful, meaningful and black.

You can listen to it.—New York Times News Service.

LSO/Rozhdestvensky
Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

The London Symphony Orchestra should have been conducted on Sunday by David Oistrakh. In the event the concert was given in his memory under the baton of his compatriot, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, who came over expressly from Moscow after eight years' absence from London. In place of the promised overture, the programme started with Brahms's St Anthony Variations, apparently dear to Mr Oistrakh, and ended not with Shostakovich's No 10, but another Russian symphony more apt for the occasion, Tchaikovsky's *Pathètique*.

It was strange that a performance of this symphony so urgent and so full of vivid detail should yet not add up to the moving experience it ought to have been. Mr Rozhdestvensky was deeply involved with things like tempo, dynamics and instrumental colour, always turning them to highly dramatic effect, yet without suggesting that the music had really taken possession of his heart and soul and was carrying him along on its own flood.

The assuaging second subject in the first movement was a case in point: its phrasing never soared. But the development section, concerned only with first subject protest, went with tremendous drive. In the second movement Mr Rozhdestvensky seemed determined that there should be no mere drawing room prettiness in the *con grazia*, nor too much sentiment in the middle section's pleading. The march was a splendid tour de force, piquantly inflected and inexorable in rhythm. It was the cruel inexorability of fate that he stressed again in the finale, with greater emphasis of discords, rather than wallowing in subjective sentiment. The ending was effectively hollow.

In Brahms's St Anthony Variations, Mr Rozhdestvensky again gave the impression of using his orchestra to paint the music rather than feel it. But the effect was certainly of a newly-cleaned painting.

Only the piano concerto, Mozart's in C minor, K491, remained as originally announced. It is usually regarded as one of the most urgent and dramatic he ever wrote, even needing an unusually large complement of wind to help project its demonic spirit. Sunday's soloist, Walter Klien, seemed far more concerned to show how Mozart could create order out of chaos, beauty out of pain. It was a flawlessly disciplined performance, lovely in tone, now and again in major key territory touching the heights of eloquence in its simplicity. But it was not the whole story. The orchestral contribution was punctual, though the wood-wind sometimes sounded a bit sun-starved.

Martino Tirimo
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

It is surprising that any music by Prokofiev still awaits performance here, but until Sunday afternoon his Divertimento Opus 43B had apparently not been heard in this country. This is, in fact, the composer's own piano transcription, made in 1938, of an orchestral Divertimento he earlier had put together from items written independently during the 1920s.

In other words it is not a work of great moment, and certainly not one that tells us anything fresh about Prokofiev. But it still is very characteristic of him, being unfailingly melodious and often effectively written for the piano. For example, the first movement, in itself, rather confusingly, called Divertimento, offers his usual extreme contrasts of the tender and the grotesque, and very attractive the result is. The *Danse* does not progress far beyond arid, bottom-register hammering, but the Nocturne is an excellently sustained piece of lyricism. Martino Tirimo played all this most engagingly, and it is a pity he over-pedalled during the Epilogue, so that the music's lines were less well defined than elsewhere.

Prokofiev's music—the minor works, at least—makes its points in a direct, unambiguous way, but in Schubert there is much equivocation between public gesture and private feeling. Mr Tirimo brought this off very well in the opening *Moderato* of the A minor Sonata, D 845.

Mr Tirimo did not give himself an easy time musically, for Schumann's *Davidsbündlertänze* is another work whose real meaning is hard to seek. This was, indeed, more impressive for its command of the notes, although the 18 movements were fused into a whole.

Horslips
Rainbow

Philip Norman

It is pleasant to report the existence of a band deserving more, rather than less, recognition. Horslips are an Irish quintet whose fondness for the legends and music of their homeland is balanced by an equal allegiance to plainspoken Rock and Roll. They have recorded three albums for the RCA label on each of which these elements have felicitously coincided; they play inexhaustible concert dates and are one of the few bands willing to appear in Northern Ireland. They have remained, even so, in that semi-obscurity too often prescribed by good musicianship and lack of pretence.

Horslips, in person at the Rainbow Theatre on Saturday, did nothing to dispel this favourable presentiment. One is always prepared for the dreadful chasm that can exist between recorded and live performances; one is never more prepared than at the Rainbow Theatre. For the band in question simply to walk out on to the stage, say little and play well would have been sufficient to give magic to a far more ordinary repertoire.

The whimsicality of Horslips' music is thinly applied and of short duration. Their way is to begin with a hollow flute or a fiddler's elbow, then, in the course of one apparently ingenuous jig, to push the music into all kinds of unpredictable, pleasantly cynical departments, each flight of fancy regulated by a robust, deep-bellied guitar. It should be no surprise that they were able to reproduce on stage the most delicate and complex suites from their recorded work. They are bigger and better musicians than any of their instruments.

The best part of their performance was, significantly, the longest. *The Tain*, their second album, is a sequence inspired by old legends and manoeuvred, at one outrageous moment, into a form of Conga. I believe *The Tain* to eclipse most other albums released this year. There was genuine gratitude in the applause which Horslips received, and genuine surprise in the way they received it.

Last week at Sotheby's

Dame Laura Knight, D.B.E., R.A., Goliath.
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Racing

Piggott's final mounts good reason for not accepting defeat

By Jim Snow

Northern Racing Correspondent

All might not be over in the long duel between Patrick Eddery and Lester Piggott for the 1974 Jockeys' championship. Although with only two days to run before the flat closes tomorrow at Haydock Park, Eddery's lead of six over Piggott looks decisive.

Piggott, who none could say accepts defeat readily, is calling up his reserves today at Haydock Park and for the final fling tomorrow. From Washington DC on Saturday and St-Cloud yesterday, he has two good booked rides at Haydock Park this afternoon, and tomorrow he will be engaged in all six races, including the £10,000 Vernons Sprint Cup, in which he rides the Irish-trained favourite Sarasota Star.

Eddery, in contrast, has no bookings today, and only two for Wednesday. Should Lester Piggott, who is in an aircraft almost as often as Dr Kissinger, pull something out of the bag, and so often has he done this in the past, and should Pat Eddery draw blank at Haydock Park, it could be an extremely close finish.

There will be a total of 79 runners for the six races at Haydock Park this afternoon, and perhaps roughly the same amount tomorrow, when Vernons are the generous sponsors of three races, the Vernons Sprint Cup, the Vernons Organization Handicap, and the Vernons Finance Nursery Handicap. In all, £16,000 will be added to the stakes of these three races.

Twelve horses will go into the stalls for the chief event today, the five furlong Claude Harrison Memorial Challenge Trophy. It is the sort of difficult sprint handicap which would have delighted the fine, popular racing correspondent. Working through the long hours of weighing up all the horses he might have concluded that Burwell is the best handicapped.

Burwell, Blastavon, three times a winner over the course, Ballydowa, and Fair Dandy all ran well in their races last week. My choice goes to Mick Easterby's three-year-old, penalized 6 lb for his smooth victory under top weight at Teesside Park last Thursday, and again to be ridden by Edward Hide. Burwell in 1973 was just about the fastest two-year-old in the North, winning two races and finishing second in the Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot. This year every sort of ailment has attacked him, but he came back to his best form last week, and now that he has got over all his troubles he may, with 8 st 8 lb, be too good for his older rivals, Blastavon and Harry Blackshaw's Fair Dandy.

Romelko, three times a winner and fourth in his other two races, is slightly preferred to Sam Hall's good staying mare, Mrs Child, in the two-mile Blackburn Apprentice Handicap. Be Tuneful (2.45) produced such a turn of speed after looking hopelessly boxed in at Newmarket that she won her race impressively.

Last year Lester Piggott won the St Anne's Handicap on Tin Lid, and it may be that he will have another success in this race on Headin' Home who has won his last two races at Chepstow and Sandown Park, both under big weights.

Another mount of Lester Piggott, Unicorns Fancy, second in a valuable two-year-old selling plate at Doncaster, has much less powerful competition to deal with in the Speke Selling Stakes (1.45), and she might be the first half of a Piggott double on the opening day.

STATE OF GOING (official): Nottingham: Soft. Folkestone: Soft. Haydock Park: Soft. Kempton Park (tomorrow): Soft. Kelso (tomorrow): Soft.

A debt Eddery readily recognises

By Michael Seely

Confidence is the key to Patrick Eddery's ever-growing success. This confidence has been built up during two years of working for a sympathetic employer, Peter Walwyn, both men trusting each other implicitly. Eddery is secure in the knowledge that he will never be "jocked off". The trainer knows well that his horses will never be punished unnecessarily and that they will come out fresh and relaxed for their next race.

Walwyn says that a good relationship between trainer and jockey is like that in a successful marriage. Only a rider who partners the stable hopes in their work at home as well as on the racecourse, can tell the trainer the secrets of their idiosyncracies as well as of their abilities. By now the fires of aggression, so evident in Eddery's younger days and so vital to those who would reach the top in any walk of life, are well controlled. They still burn brightly underneath, but their only outward expression lies in his dashing style of riding.

Winners breed confidence and confidence breeds winners. You have only to watch Eddery throughout a race. Although polished and cool in the technical sense he likes to get involved tactically. Two furlongs from home he starts to bustle up the pace. As Walwyn points out he is saying to the other jockeys "Come on, boys, let's see what you've got left". From then on the rhythm of driving and pushing rises in a gradually increasing crescendo reaching its well-balanced climax in the final hundred yards.

The young Eddery entered racing as naturally as a duck takes to water. He first saw the light of day in Ireland in 1952, one of a clutch of 12 born to James and Josephine Eddery. James was for many years a jockey in the top flight in his native country. Patrick could ride almost as soon as he could walk and it seemed inevitable that he should follow in his father's footsteps.

At the age of 13 he was apprenticed to Seamus McGrath. McGrath

Eddery: a seemingly decisive lead with two days to go.

quickly realized the boy's potential and contacted Frenchie Nicholson, who for so long had a special talent for moulding jockeys. In 1967 the young Irishman moved to Cheltenham and his new life began. Now on the threshold of realizing his ambition Eddery acknowledges the debt. "I owe everything to Mr Nicholson. He taught me to sit properly and to ride with a good style."

Two years later came his first winner, Alvaro, at Epsom. Success started to flow and he lost the 7 lb allowance when taking the Vaux Gold Tankard on Philoctetes trained by Staff Ingham. In 1970 he finished second to Philip Waldron in the apprentices table. The following season he took the title with 71 successes to his credit. In 1972 Eddery gained his first big triumph on Erimo Hawk in the Ascot Gold Cup.

Walwyn found himself faced with a problem. Duncan Keith, the stable jockey, was gradually losing his battle against increasing weight. At Folkestone in August he felt too ill to ride. The next day Keith told the trainer "I can't go on guvnor, it's killing me." Walwyn utterly loyal had given no thought to a possible successor so he had to think and act fast. "I knew there was only one boy for me. Young Pat Eddery. He had that streak of devilment and spark that the others lacked."

The Lambourn trainer asked Joe Mercer, who said: "He's all right. You know what we call him in the weighing room? Polyfilla, because he's always filling up those gaps. Yes, he'll be a star." Walwyn made up his mind to engage Eddery for the 1973 season. His owners backed him in his decision to employ a comparatively untried rider. "I wanted continuity and someone permanent", he says, explaining the reason for his choice.

For the rest of that season Eddery rode for Seven Barrows when his previous commitments allowed. He partnered Lunchtime to win his only three races that autumn, including the Dewhurst Stakes, long regarded as the stepping stone to the classics. The outlook for 1973 was bright, and although Lunchtime proved a bitter disappointment by turning sour and refusing to race, the new partnership flourished. The rapport between jockey and trainer started to strengthen.

By the end of last year Walwyn had sent out 87 winners, a postwar record for an English stable. Eddery had 119 successes and was leading rider at Royal Ascot. Now with only two days to go to the end of the present season, Eddery is poised, at the age of 22, to become the youngest champion jockey since Sir Gordon Richards first took the title when only 21.

The formative years are over and a golden time seems to lie ahead. Toughened by Nicholson's discipline, encouraged by Walwyn's loyalty and driven by his own determination to succeed, Eddery is but a short step from his first goal. Modest and uncomplicated, his own words speak for him. "I've no complaints. I've had a grand season and my first classic winner Polygamy. If I were to finish second to Piggott that couldn't be bad."

Tennis

Cox through in matc of little contrast

By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent

A £30,990 tennis tournament began yesterday at Billingham, in the new county of Cleveland, with a series of matches in which players with modest reputations had cause to regret the fact that they do not get a crack at the celebrities more often. Players who have yet to "make it" must always be at a disadvantage on those rare occasions when they face opponents whose games have been sharpened by tougher competition.

None of this, however, applied to the first match in the main arena, where Mark Cox beat Charles Pasarell 7—6, 7—6 in a contest between two men who, in their own way, have been in and out of as many tight corners as James Bond. They are fine players. But their match illustrated the unfortunate truth that a player's entertainment value does not always reflect his technical proficiency. There were times when the match was a booming bore, when the game was stripped bare of the shots that, in the general public's ideal world, would succeed the routine blows of service, return, and volley.

In short, the match lacked the spice of contrast—other than the fact that Cox is left-handed, Pasarell right-handed. But it's closing stages contained a good deal of violent drama. Pasarell had two break points in the fourth game, but for most of the first set was embarrassingly clumsy in the essential chore of returning service. He did lead by three points to one in the tie-break after Cox had served a double-fault. But two goo turns forced errors out o Puerto Rican and he scored one more point.

When Cox broke to 3—1 i second set, and, in the next won a volleying exchange t vive a break point, he looke sonably safe. He led 5—2 serving at 5—3, reached three match points. Pa tennis often mirrors his a casual nature. But this prompted him to start w at the game instead of playin He produced some superb (two of them lobs) and wo successive points to break s He was playing well now an needed to finish him off Pasarell could transform a re into a pardon.

In the tie-break Pasarell le with a service to come, but a point away by trying to ambitious with a half-voll double fault by Cox resto advantage and Pasarell w 5—2 and later had two set But he served a double-fault first and, then, on Cox's s was given no chance. Cox h more match points, a win the net-cord giving him the to serve one ball for the Pasarell put a forehand in net, yelled with frustratio that was that.

MEN'S SINGLES: First rou Cox beat C. M. Pasarell (US), 7—6; J. S. Connors (US) Dowdeswell (Rhodesia) 6—1, M. Orantes (Spain) beat N. (US) 6—1, 6—5; J. Fillol (Ch J. Velasco (Colombia) 6—0, 6—1; I. Molina (Colombia) Gebert (Germany) 6—4, 6— Solomon (US) beat J. Smit 6—3

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second Miss J. M. Heldman (US) beat Barker 6—3, 6—3

Equestrianism

Imposing entry includes world champion

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Janou Lefebvre-Tissot of France, who has twice been world show jumping champion, will be making one of her rare visits to England to ride in the Dunhill international championships at Olympia from December 18 to 21. She will be accompanied by an imposing array of talent including the men's world champion, Hartwig Steenken of West Germany, and another double world champion and Olympic gold medal winner, Major Raimundo d'Inzeo, of Italy, and the current Olympic champion, Graziano Mancinelli.

Also from Italy, comes the winner of their Dunhill qualifier, the Olympic rider, Dr Vittorio Orlandi. Then there is the top Swiss rider, Major Paul Wier, and Jean-Michel Gaud, of France, who was one of the biggest winners at the Horse of the Year show.

Alwin Schockemöhle, who won the Victor Ludorum three years ago, will ride Weller and Warwick and Nelson Pessoa will defend the puissance title he has won for the last two years.

This year the Dunhill European trophy will be incorporated in the Victor Lodorum, with £1,500 to the winner and £5,000 in stakes, a third of the total prize money allocated for the show. The winners of the European finals qualif matically. Those already are the new Swiss champio Melliger, Marc Goosens, Belgium and Orlandi. Smith has qualified for Brit the French final has still decided.

In addition to Harvey Smi year's winner, the Britist lenge will include European pion, Paddy McMahon, Broome, currently winning United States, Graham F (holder of the Dunhill Ludorum), Caroline Bradle colm Pyrah, Ted Edgar, Mould, Derek Ricketts Anthony Newbery.

In all there will be 17 riders and 15 from the co "Our problem", said G Rust, Dunhill's special manager, "is not enco riders to come to Londo having to turn people awa

In three years the Olympi has become an established national fixture. This yea is 100 per cent increase in ings, box office takings £20,000 and Saturday n already filled out. Mr Dunhill said: "I am sure t unique formula of top clas ing, circus and pantomim captured the imagination public."

Broome makes sure of tit

New York, Nov 11.—David Broome, Britain's former world champion, made sure of the leading rider's title in the United States national horse show despite finishing unplaced in the two events here yesterday. The only other rider in contention, the West German Hendrik Snoek, needed to win both events to get on terms and though he triumphed in one of them he was unable to score a double.

With one competition remaining Broome held an unbeatable lead with 42 points followed by Snoek and the American, Frank (22 each). In the team co tion the United States le 56 points followed by Britai West Germany (22), Canad and France (18).

JANSEN NOYES ME TROPHY EVENT (fault-and-ou petition over 10 fences): 1, Ke Holland (Canada), RSVP, 41.6 F. Chapot (US), Space Citation 3, B. Brown (US), A Little Bi 4, J. Rieckehoff (Puerto Casenova, 47.5.

ONE-ROUND SPEED EVEN obstacles): 1, H. Snoek (We many), Rasputin, 35 1sec Chapot (US), Good Twist, 36.3 Murphy (US), Tuscaloosa, 36.8 Fletcher (GB), Clare Glen. Reuter.

Golf

Trade give extra £13,000 despite hard times ahead

The golfing trade continue their steady support of the grass roots of the game, and their contribution last year to the Golf Foundation was up £13,000 on the year before. In addition to this a gift of £3,000 has been received from Colgate-Palmolive who this year launched the first women's European professional tournament at Sunningdale.

The number of schools in the scheme, which provides funds for professionals to teach the fundamentals of the game, have been sifted and cut by 150.

Golf Foundation, who support the Schools' Golf Team Championship, sponsored by Aer Lingus, report a remarkable success in that field. Four hundred and twenty schools took part this year when the international finals were played at Portmarnock. A portent of the difficult times ahead might he seen in the removal of the Golf Ball, which for years was held at Grosvenor House to a smaller venue, Quaglinos, with a date in the new year, January 16.

Snooker

World champi recovers his poise

Dublin, Nov 11.—Lou aged 24, from Adelaide, Aus playing in the world an snooker championship for th time, almost caused a sen when he met Ray Edmonds land), the holder, in the match of the quarter-final here today.

Condo, who scraped int quarter-final round on the and last place in the sectio sustained four defeats in the robin tournament. However played with a new lease o when the championship swi to knock-out over seven fra

Having established a 3—1 Condo lost the fifth and sixt seemed to be on the road t tory with a break of 30 i decider to lead by 30—6. I then that Edmonds proved greatness. He promptly re with a break of 60—the highe the match. Now the score 66—30 and Edmonds could br at last. In the end a gallant conceded on the pink.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: Edmonds (England) beat L. C (Australia), 4—3. Scores (Edm first): 92—20, 46—53, 36—71, 81, 64—40, 97—18, 76—42.

French racing

General Vole third behind easy winner El Rastro

From Pierre Guillot

French Racing Correspondent

Paris, Nov 11

Yves Saint-Martin, who like Lester Piggott had made a transatlantic flight to ride in the Prix Perth at St-Cloud this afternoon, rode Daniel Wildenstein's El Rastro to an impressive three-length victory in this £9,000 race. Second was Madame Suzy Volterra's Mister Dip, with the English visitor, General Vole, running a fine race to finish third and win £1,818.

Full of Hope and the German challenger, Honduras, made the early running until the beginning of the straight, where Alan Bond, on Midsummer Star was also in a good position. The lead was then taken by Lester Piggott on General Vole, joined by Mister Dip, but they were quickly passed by El Rastro who went on to gain a comfortable victory. General Vole ran on well but faltered in the last 50 yards and conceded second place to Mister Dip.

This was El Rastro's fourth run of the season. He visited country when finishing secon Boldboy in the Lockinge Stak Newbury. General Vole had distinction of beating the cla winner, Moulines (Poule d'E des Poulains), who finished fou Northern Taste, who defeated Rastro in the Prix de la F never showed.

Lester Piggott was not with success during the afternoon. rode Francois Boutin's two-y old colt, Silver Saber to a two a half length win in the P Rodosto.

PRIX PERTH (Group III: £9,100: 1 El Rastro, b c, by Breakspear II— Rallery II (D. Wildenstein), 4-9-2 Y. Saint-Martin 1
Mister Dip, b c, by Exbury—Miss Diplomat (Mme S. Volterra), 5-8-7 .... J. Lequeux 2
General Vole, ch c, by Songedor—Solitry One (Mrs R. Aldridge), 3-8-11 .... L. Piggott 3

ALSO RAN: Moulines, Hondur Shari, Northern Taste, Wittgenst Full of Hope, Midsummer St L'Inconnu, Mezzontinio, Mayos St Insistance, Taros, Alpine Nephe Eicosamolo.

PARI-MUTUEL: Win, El Rastro & Shari coupled (D. Wildenstein stabl 2.80 francs: places, 1.70f, 3.60f, 4.70 A. Penna. 3l, 1½l, 1min 48.1secs

Haydock Park programme

1.15 BLACKBURN APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£625 : 2m 28yds)

101	141411	Romelko (R. Francis), G. Harwood, 3-8-11 .... K. Smith 5	4
102	341323	Mrs Child (F. Farrow), S. Hall, 6-8-10 .... G. Wilkinson 7	2
104	402032	Silver Bing (C) (R. Cable), D. Weeden, 7-8-7 R. Wernham	6
106	020	Garden Gala (P. Mullon), I. Balding, 3-8-0 .... J. Matthias	8
107	301030	Pearl Chester (C. East), S. Supple, 3-8-0 ...... I. Johnson	5
108	320113	Aunt Augusta (M. Rennie), N. Callaghan, 3-7-11 C. Nutter 5	7
109	00-0	Charlotte's Pride (N. Gillman), C. Crossley, 5-7-10 G. Mullin 5	9
110	013003	Kerria (G. Cooke), P. Robinson, 3-7-7 .... R. Fox	10
112	030033	Privy Case (H. Whitfield), L. Shedden, 5-7-7 .... M. Bray 3	1
114	030-000	Mary Jump (D. Dippie), R. E. Peacock, 4-7-7 .... K. Lewis	3
115	004044	Ikon Allan (P. Gray), P. Milner, 6-7-7 ...... G. Morgan 7	12
116	004344	Santa Chiara (Mrs Miville), H. Price, 3-7-7 ...... A. Bond	11

3-1 Romelko, 4-1 Santa Chiara, 11-2 Aunt Augusta, 7-1 Silver Bing, Mrs Child, 10-1 Garden Gala, Kerria, 14-1 Privy Case, Pearl Chester, 20-1 others.

1.45 SPEKE STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £577 : 7f 40yds)

204	034000	Babu Blue (A. Bain), P. Makin, 8-6 .... P. Cook	1
205	000000	Bank House (E. Brown), R. Ward, 8-6 .... C. Moss	12
206	00	Current Peeress (P. Williams), P. Milner, 8-6 G. Morgan 7	7
207	00000	Drama Star (R. Weston), R. Sturdy, 8-6 ...... J. Reid 5	7
208	004	Fair Dot (Mrs Porter), P. Makin, 8-6 .... G. Baxter	14
210	0000	Hard Angel (W. Trebarne), A. Jones, 8-6 .. R. Wernham 5	6
211	0	Harriet Ann (S. Williams), R. Barnes, 8-6 .... P. Kelleher	15
212	0300	Jollimanda (D. Hall), J. Cousins, 8-6 .... C. Dwyer	3
213	000433	Lady Lear (S. Fox), S. Supple, 8-6 .... A. Bond 5	11
214	040000	Missed Lunch (Mrs O'Sullivan), B. Leigh, 8-6 .... J. Lynch	8
215	000000	Miss Klio (Mrs Hughes), A. W. Jones, 8-6 .... B. Arnold 7	10
216	000000	Royal Feast (M. W. Easterby), Easterby, 8-6 ...... E. Hide	4
218	00	Time Alone (R. Weston), R. Sturdy, 8-6 .... A. Kimberley	13
219	02	Unicorns Fancy (W. McDonald), P. Cole, 8-6 .. L. Piggott	16
220	00004	Wild Candy (Mrs Brotherton), L. Shedden, 8-6	
221	004343	Mrs Bates (F. Taylor), S. Nesbitt, 8-2 ...... B. Letherby	5

11-8 Unicorns Fancy, 11-4 Lady Lear, 6-1 Fair Dot, 9-1 Mrs Bates, 10-1 Babu Blue, 12-1 Jollimanda, 14-1 Wild Candy, 20-1 others.

2.15 CLAUDE HARRISON TROPHY HANDICAP (£1,268 : 5f)

301	100000	Princess Runnymede (D) (L. Smith), R. Vibert, 3-9-3 L. Piggott	8
302	00s004	Perdu (D) (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 4-8-11 .. B. Raymond	4
303	000000	Dizzy Dave (D) (J. Finlayson), D. Williams, 3-8-10 W. Cronshaw	12
304	031013	Blastavon (CD) (M. Lockey), G. Hunter, 5-8-9 .. J. Reid 5	2
305	000021	Burwell (D) (E. Brown), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-9 .. E. Hide	6
309	400014	Fair Dandy (CD) (M. Steele), H. Blackshaw, 4-8-2 O. Gray 5	9
310	010000	Vostizza (CD) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 5-8-1 .. R. Weaver 5	3
311	230121	Ballydowa (CD) (Sir D. Clague), S. Supple, 3-8-1 G. Sexton	1
312	002000	Military Medal (D) (A. Samuel), Doug Smith, 3-7-12 F. McKeown	7
314	440330	Hard Sailor (E. Barber), J. Calvert, 4-7-9 ...... R. Fox 5	5
315	014343	Craigellachie (CD) (Mrs Richardson), D. Williams, 4-7-7 S. Salmon 5	11
317	230042	Carnival Sovereign (D) (Mrs Shaw), E. Weymes, 7-7-7 D. Cullen	10

7-2 Ballydowa, 4-1 Burwell, Blastavon, 7-1 Perdu, 8-1 Fair Dandy, 10-1 Craigellachie, Carnival Sovereign, 12-1 Vostizza, Princess Runnymede, 14-1 Dizzy Dave, 16-1 Military Medal, 20-1 Hard Sailor.

2.45 SOUTHPORT PLATE (2-y-o fillies : £828 : 1m 40yds)

401	431	Adriana (Mrs Hastings), I. Balding, 9-0 ...... P. Waldron	6
402	21	Be Tuneful (Mrs Hindley), Hindley, 9-0 ...... A. Kimberley	2
405	01	Black Music (R. Sangster), E. Cousins, 9-0 .... E. Hide	3
407	00	Nynon Princess (K. Coiralani), R. Akehurst, 8-11 A. Bond 5	5
408	00	Red April (A. Warren), P. Cole, 8-11 .... R. Edmondson	4
409	00	Sailing Ship (J. Mullion), A. Armstrong, 8-11 .. L. Piggott	1
410	00	Take Hold (Mrs Vincent), E. Cousins, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave	7

11-8 Black Music, 3-1 Be Tuneful, 5-1 Adriana, 12-1 Sailing Ship, 20-1 others.

3.15 ST ANNE'S HANDICAP (3-y-o : £828 : 1m 40yds)

501	200311	Headin' Home (Mrs Firestone), R. Houghton, 10-3 L. Piggott	15
502	032122	Sergeant Rose (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 9-13 .. T. Whelan 7	5
504	200123	Twill (Mrs Wyatt), M. Prescott, 8-12 ...... G. Duffield	12
505	104040	My Story (R. Cartwright), E. Carr, 8-11 .... B. Connorton	10
507	222200	Brambles Farm (D. Smith), Smith, 8-8 ...... P. Kelleher	16
511	402012	Rocket Crystal (Lord Harrington), J. Hindley, 8-6 A. Kimberley	14
512	0-00013	Ballylickey (J. Robinson), R. Vibert, 8-5 .... I. Johnson 5	6
513	243201	The Happy Hooker (R. Doen), K. Cundell, 8-5 ...... P. Cook	4
515	224013	Song In The Air (W. Stirling), F. Carr, 8-2 ...... E. Hide	11
516	144023	Cora Pearl (C. St George), S. Hall, 8-0 .... S. Salmon 5	2
517	0000	Gaelic Beau (Mrs Godson), J. Cousins, 7-13 .. A. Horrocks	13
520	001143	Westward Leading (D. McKellar), W. Wightman, 7-12 D. Cullen	1
521	000040	Grand Orient (R. Dormer), R. Sturdy, 7-11 .... J. Reid 5	8
523	000010	Aris-Way (W. Shaw), Denys Smith, 7-10 .... A. Bond 5	7
524	34-4000	Before the Mast (R. Sangster), E. Cousins, 7-9 C. Eccleston	9
525	030210	Gorieta (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 7-7 .... R. Reader	3

4-1 Rocket Crystal, 5-1 Sergeant Rose, 13-2 Ballylickey, Twill, 8-1 Headin' Home, Westward Leading, 10-1 The Happy Hooker, Aris-Way, 12-1 Gorieta, 14-1 My Story, 16-1 Song In The Air, Brambles Farm, 20-1 others.

3.45 BLACKPOOL MAIDEN PLATE (£483 : 6f)

601	000	Barbary Prince (R. Sturdy), Sturdy, 4-9-0 ...... P. Eddery	13
602	030400	Landscaper (G. Nolan), A. Jones, 4-9-0 ...... B. Arnold 7	12
603	00000	Siren Prince (R. Sturdy), Sturdy, 4-9-0 .... R. Edmondson	11
604	02-2000	Blondestreak (Mrs Wickins), R. Akehurst, 4-8-11 A. Bond 5	2
605	030-000	Bundersfall (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 4-8-11 B. Raymond	3
606	0	Gold Hawk (A. Stevens), Stevens, 5-8-11 .... R. Weaver 5	4
607	00-3030	Jock Money (R. Peacock), Peacock, 4-8-11 ...... L. Piggott	9
608	200422	Jurabug (L. Barratt), Barratt, 6-8-11 .... C. Moss	7
609	320300	Kindred Spirit (Miss Terry), W. Wightman, 4-8-11 .. E. Hide	5
610	03-0002	Persist (Mrs Makin), Makin, 4-8-11 .... G. Baxter	6
611		Sollom Song (A. Jaquiss), D. McCain, 4-8-11 .. C. Eccleston	10
612	300-03	Tycoons Belle (R. Sturdy), Sturdy, 4-8-11 ...... J. Reid 5	8
613	0400-00	Varsity Match (B. van Cutsem), van Cutsem, 5-8-11 E. Shaw 7	1

11-4 Jurabug, 4-1 Kindred Spirit, Persist, 5-1 Tycoons Belle, 8-1 Jock Money, 10-1 Blondestreak, 14-1 Varsity Match, 20-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Northern Correspondent

1.15 Romelko. 1.45 Unicorns Fancy. 2.15 Burwell. 2.45 Be Tuneful. 3.15 HEADIN' HOME is specially recommended. 3.45 Jock Money.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 Aunt Augusta. 2.15 Military Medal. 2.45 Be Tuneful. 3.15 Rocket Crystal.

Chepstow results

1.15 (1.16) CARLTON STAKES (3-y-o: £357: 1¼m)

Edgars Plan, br g, by Arctic Kanda—Kirisan (Mr A. Richards), 8-9 A. Murray (6-1) 1
Kaths Bounty, b f, by Welsh Rake—Siren Girl (Mr J. Seddon), 8-4 G. Morgan (16-1) 2
Hi Snoop, ch f, by High Hat—Royal Snoop (Mr G. Green), 8-1 R. Fox (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Take It Easy (4th), 7-1 Hard To Catch, 12-1 Lightning Tour, 16-1 Kevins Boy, 20-1 Spanish Star. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.75; places, £1.08, £1.59, 65p; dual forecast, £8.82. D. Hanley, at Lambourn. 12l, 1l. Winner was sold to Jack Ramsden for 1,500 guineas.

1.45 (1.48) TEMPLEGATE PLATE (2-y-o: £207: 6f)

Record Token, ch c, by Jukebox—Bare Costs (Sir H. Ingram), 9-4 P. Eddery (1-2 fav) 1
Vanish, b f, by Decoy Boy—Valentina Rose (Mrs L. Robertson), 8-8 .. G. Baxter (33-1) 2
Essouaira, b f, by Aureole—Parthian's Way (Miss H. Day), 8-8 .... D. Cullen (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Misty Music, 14-1 Energy Crisis, 16-1 My Joanie, Nelphin, Gemini Miss, Princess Cindy, 20-1 Criterion, Karabas Castle, Hedonist, 33-1 Wot-A-Lad (4th), Gold Show, Astor Boy, Kilbaigle, Prince Hill, Radstone, Sams Swanee, Sir Pelleas, Swag, Dolly Darling, French Pearl, Grand Rose, Hill Station, Hot Ginger, Noble Leaf, Pacific Star. 28 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, £1.22, 18p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 6l, sh hd. Ayr Attraction did not run.

2.15 (2.16) NEWSBOY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £690: 7f)

Be Faithful, b f, by Val de Loir—Courting (Mr P. Pritchard), 7-4 J. Gray (14-1) 1
Bella Marisa, b f, by Be Friendly—Osigba (Mrs E. Valentine), 8-4 P. Cook (9-2) 2
Law of the Land, b c, by Reform—Freeholder (Mr J. Grady), 8-5 R. Walters (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Yule Log, 6-1 Jim Coiner, 8-1 Haunting (4th), 10-1 Silver Shoon, Subaltern, 12-1 Frankly Speaking, 33-1 Quoueing. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 97p; places, 97p, 16p, 39p; dual forecast, £4.25. B. Swift at Epsom. 4l, 1½l.

2.45 (2.45) HOTSPUR HANDICAP (£414: 5f)

The Solostan, b c, by El Gallo—Polling Station (Mr S. Powell), 4-8-0 .... B. Rouse (7-2) 1
Flashback, b c, by Polyfoto—Hiprim (Mrs G. Davison), 3-8-13 I. Johnson (6-1) 2
Burglar's Moll, b f, by Burglar—Babuelle (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), 3-9-0 .. G. Duffield (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Sky Flyer, 13-2 Cock of the Walk, 8-1 Prince Mandarin, 12-1 Mujon, 33-1 Jack's Hope (4th), Marleyvous. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 20p, 18p, 55p; dual forecast, £2.07. J. Sutcliffe, jnr, at Epsom. ¾l, 12l.

3.15 (3.15) SCOUT HANDICAP (3-y-o: £459: 1½m)

Feather Top, b f, by Falcon—Invermore (Mr D. Robinson), 7-13 M. L. Thomas (7-2 fav) 1
Just Jolly, b f, by Jolly Jet—Not for Porcha (Mr F. Hunt), 7-12 R. Street (8-1) 2
Criticism, br c, by Ned Kelly—Film Fan (Mrs V. Haslam), 7-2 R. Fox (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Grandiflora, 6-1 Humming Top, 8-1 Lets Pretend, 9-1 Charville, 14-1 Iver, Crown Bronze, Sea Tycoon (4th), 33-1 Nobloro. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 16p, 21p, 24p. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket. 3½l, nk. Gulf Bird did not run.

3.45 (3.48) ROBIN GOODFELLOW MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £345: 1m)

Forlorn Raid, b f, by Forlorn River—Tholen Rain (Major N. Hambro), 8-11 .... G. Baxter (20-1) 1
Happy God, b g, by Red God—Tack (Mr M. Uzzell), 8-11 J. Seagrave (13-1) 2
Lunar Ray, gr f, by Roan Rocket—Light Case (Mrs R. Grosvenor), 8-6 .... J. Matthias (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt favs Boldson, Jill's Magic, 11-2 Dear Papa (4th), 6-1 Dusky Lin, 12-1 Lady Killer, 16-1 Onward Tsubame, Quill, 20-1 Go Easy, Kevheacha, Kitsu, Somer Track, Bonk, Penny's Guide. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.33; places, 47p, 41p, 37p. L. Kennard, at Taunton. 2l, 6l. Wroxham and Apprehend did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Be Faithful, Feather Top: £45.50. TREBLE: Record Token, The Solostan, Forlorn Raid: £79.40.

Nottingham programme

1.0 COLWICK HURDLE (Handicap : £204 : 2m)

1	013403-	Demilassgo (D) (C. Saunders), Saunders, 7-11-12 .. C. Saunders
2	0f000-0	Timbo (D) (J. Craig), F. Carr, 7-11-8 .... M. Blackshaw
4	32f-33	Hashi Benkei (H. Insley), W. Clay, 7-11-7 .... N. Clay 5
5		Loyal Scot (Miss Wright), A. Dent, 6-11-6 .... J. Marshall 7
6	02300-	New Liskeard (D) (C. James), C. James, 13-11-5 ...... —
7	p02010	Double Take (D) (L. Gore), M. Tate, 7-11-5 ...... R. R. Evans
13	003-00	Veneto (D) (J. Bostock), W. Francis, 6-10-13 .. A. K. Taylor 7
14	1p300p-	Delapre Lad (F. Pursglove), J. H. Peacock, 11-10-12 A. Mawson
17	01p0f0-	Balty Boys (T. Gillam), T. Gillam, 12-10-10 ...... D. Goulding
18	0	Cloudy Boy (D) (R. Crosby), R. Crosby, 8-10-10 P. Greenall 5
20	b04010-	Nobscot (CD) (Mrs Bridgett), P. Bridgett, 7-10-10 C. Bridgett 7
21	0-22200	Pat's Daughter (Mrs Blackham), B. Cambidge, 5-10-10 C. Jackson 7
22	132-0	Night Skite (D) (W. Robson), L. Shedden, 9-10-10 .... T. Stack
23	23-2300	Just Paddy (D) (F. Yardley), F. Yardley, 9-10-10 P. Barton 7
24	14302-0	Jo Charn (D) (A. Kemp), A. Kemp, 6-10-10 ...... V. Percival 5
25	p4-10f0	Khoda Khan (CD) (A. Rumsay), A. Rumsay, 6-10-10 I. Watkinson
29	ff-0p00	Kalamitous (R. Morris), R. Morris, 5-10-10 .... R. Dickin 5
30	00	Fly Byrd (G. Syvret), M. James, 7-10-10 .... M. Salaman
33	0000-00	Fox Court (D) (P. Green), P. Green, 9-10-10 .... —

4-1 Hashi Benkei, 9-2 Pat's Daughter, 5-1 Double Take, 13-2 Night Skite, Just Paddy, 8-1 Demilassgo, 12-1 New Liskeard, Timbo, 14-1 Khoda Khan, Jo Charn, 20-1 others.

1.30 THAMES HURDLE (Div I : novices : £204 : 2m)

1	302-013	Inshalla (D) (G. Richards), Richards, 6-11-7 .... R. Barry
2	24200-	Afternoon Sun (K. Wrighton), D. Ringer, 5-11-0 P. Bloomfield 7
3		Bing Lady (F. Gilman), Gilman, 6-11-0 .... T. Casey 3
4		Clydebank (R. Thomas), O. O'Neill, 5-11-0 .... K. Maguire
5	00004-4	Even Melody (S. Green), N. Crump, 5-11-0 .... P. Buckley
7		Iowahim (L. Farman), A. Dent, 5-11-0 .... —
9		Kerry Blue (Duke of Norfolk), Lady A. Howard, 7-11-0 P. Broderick
10	243222-	Lovely Lilling (A. Thomas), F. Dever, 5-11-0 .... S. A. Taylor
11	0	Lucky Note (R. Morris), R. Morris, 5-11-0 .... R. Dickin 5
13	0fb-0db	McCall (G. Tufts), A. Goodwill, 5-11-0 .... I. Watkinson
14	0002-	Mild Cheese (Mrs Mahoney), O. O'Neill, 6-11-0 .... K. Maguire
15	00403-	Off Ten (D. Moore), Denys Smith, 5-11-0 ...... A. Dickman 3
16	00-0	Our Richard (T. Gillam), T. Gillam, 6-11-0 ...... D. Goulding
17		Primerelle (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 6-11-0 .... S. Holland
18	0	Race Riot (R. Tinney), R. Tinney, 5-11-0 .... R. Mann 7
19	pp0-	Sandy Sparrow (D. Gibbs), D. Gibbs, 5-11-0 ...... R. R. Evans
20		Snowden (Mrs Bigg), W. Wharton, 6-11-0 .... M. Blackshaw
22	00-0	That (Mrs White), T. Forster, 6-11-0 .... G. Thorner
25	003-00	Vente (T. Venn), C. Searle, 6-11-0 .... C. Searle

5-1 Primerelle, 4-1 Inshalla, 5-1 Kerry Blue, 8-1 Even Melody, Lovely Lilling, 10-1 Afternoon Sun, 14-1 Mild Cheese, Off Ten, That, 16-1 Our Richard, 20-1 others.

2.0 BINGHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £442 : 2m)

1	pp201-	Atanic (D) (F. Brown), A. Jarvis, 7-10-7 .... S. A. Taylor
3	2023-00	Cruiscin Lan (D) (H. Sporborg), D. Ringer, 7-10-0 .. K. White
4	12312-	Tinkers Green (Mrs Matthews), R. Armytage, 8-10-0 S. Parkyn 5
5	00104	Goldy's Boy (J. Rose), S. Palmer, 8-10-0 .... T. Stack
6	0-30p0	Pollock Fair (D) (J. South), J. Harris, 8-10-0 ...... G. Holmes
7	102-p00	Rulerwood (CD) (Mrs Grubb), P. Felgate, 8-10-0 .. P. Kelleway
9	f0u200-	Victorian Vision (D) (Mrs Bletsoe), J. Harris, 7-10-0 M. Salaman
11		Flying Imp (CD) (N. Hall), J. Spearing, 8-10-0 .. R. R. Evans

13-8 Atanic, 5-2 Goldy's Boy, 11-2 Cruiscin Lan, 6-1 Tinkers Green, 10-1 Pollock Fair, 12-1 Rulerwood, 16-1 others.

2.30 MANSFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £272 : 3m)

1	2ff40-2	Ancient Lawyer (W. Douglas-Home), R. Armytage, 6-11-4 Lord Oaksey
2	p00-03p	Cascobius (D. Sharp), J. Harris, 6-11-4 .... G. Holmes
3	4u3433-	Darlington Charlie (J. Bigg), W. Wharton, 6-11-4 ...... R. Barry
4	0240-02	Fisher's Mite (Lord Sherborne), D. Nicholson, 6-11-4 .. J. King
5	4f-3f	Golden Festival (E. Bardgett), H. Wharton, 6-11-4 .. M. Salaman
6	3f0-403	Ludicrus Sextus (D. Proctor), D. Dartnall, 7-11-4 G. Dartnall 5
8	03f3-p3	Moon Trip (A. Connell), A. Connell, 6-11-4 ...... C. Saunders
10	04p-00	Pickwood Bill (H. Pickering), B. Leigh, 7-11-4 .... J. James
11	00p0-00	Portholme (W. Watts), W. C. Watts, 7-11-4 .... T. Skiffington
12	02s0-33	Retla-vs Double (R. Brassey), R. Brassey, 7-11-4 .... J. Bourke
13	030p30	*Saint-Lo (F. Yardley), F. Yardley, 6-11-4 .... —
14	202	Stearline (C. Cottrell), A. Jarvis, 7-11-4 .... S. A. Taylor
15	003-0	Super Slave (Mrs Wood), T. Forster, 6-11-4 .... G. Thorner
16	40f-20	Vindicate (Lord Pembroke), R. Head, 7-11-4 .... K. White
17	p0-u0u3	Hyporsun (A. Liggins), G. Vergette, 5-11-0 .... P. Kelly 7
20		Shirdington Lady (J. Wooley), D. Quartermaine, 5-11-0 J. Bishop 7

5-2 Fisher's Mite, 7-2 Golden Festival, 11-2 Ancient Lawyer, 8-1 Ludicrus Sextus, Stearline, 12-1 Darlington Charlie, Super Slave, Moon Trip, 14-1 Vindicate, 20-1 others.

3.0 CLIFTON HURDLE (Handicap : £442 : 2½m)

1	41111-0	Tasco (D) (B. Perry), E. Jones, 4-12-1 .... S. Holland
2	2204-00	Thatch Acre (C) (J. Charlton), A. Jarvis, 6-11-13 .. S. A. Taylor
4	200121-	Set Point (Duke of Norfolk), Lady A. Howard, 6-11-7 G. Griffin
5	002-f44	Hedoll Miway (C) (Miss Burdall), G. Vergette, 4-11-4 R. Weaver
6	23-1p03	Dungarvan Jewel (J. Lumsden), T. Forster, 9-11-2 M. Skinner 7
8	02-3111	Dragon Hill (D. Thomas), R. Armytage, 8-11-1 .... Lord Oaksey
10	0f-0000	Regal Isle (O. Henley), W. Charles, 6-10-12 ...... R. R. Evans
11		Luckey Mate (J. Fitzgerald), J. Fitzgerald, 8-10-11 T. Skiffington
13	p0-	Roman Tiffin (R. Smith), P. Kearney, 7-10-10 .... R. Mangan 7
15	0011-04	Breakwater (C) (J. Stimner), T. Forster, 5-10-6 .... G. Thorner
16	3010-p4	Derravar (D) (K. Brealey), P. Felgate, 5-10-2 .... R. F. Davies
17	2-00040	Persian Room (K. Gray), J. Harris, 4-10-0 .... G. Holmes
21	0-30124	Frigid Frolic (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 7-10-0 .... N. Clay 5
23	pp0-0p	Delrimawur (J. Mudford), J. Twibell, 7-10-0 .... R. Lee 7
24	000-p01	Aston George (J. Leigh), J. Leigh, 4-10-0 .... J. James

9-4 Dragon Hill, 7-2 Set Point, 9-2 Hedoll Miway, 13-2 Breakwater, 10-1 Dungarvan Jewel, Thatch Acre, 12-1 Derravar, Tasco, 16-1 others.

3.30 THAMES HURDLE (Div II : novices : £204 : 2m)

1	00000-1	Johnnie Black (D) (D. Lennon), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-7 D. Atkins
2	0330-	Acid Drop (J. Croft), F. Dever, 6-11-0 .... —
3	4	Caithness (M. Tate), M. Tate, 7-11-0 .... R. R. Evans
5	p	Corato (Mrs Bridgwater), K. Bridgwater, 8-11-0 .... J. Hayes 7
8	00004-0	Dolwen Wood (R. McAlpine), W. Francis, 5-11-0 A. K. Taylor 7
10	2-	Festive Prince (W. Curran), A. Jarvis, 6-11-0 .... S. A. Taylor
12		Irish Favour (R. Taylor), Denys Smith, 7-11-0 .... A. Dickman 3
13	323	Montbazon (Lord Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 5-11-0 .... J. King
14	0400-	Mr Snowman (Mrs Pole), T. Forster, 5-11-0 .... G. Thorner
16		Rustic Princess (T. Venn), C. Searle, 6-11-0 .... C. Searle
17	f4	Towzie Tyke (Mrs van Cutsem), B. van Cutsem, 8-11-0 T. Skiffington
18		Vulgans Relative (F. Gilman), F. Gilman, 6-11-0 .... T. Casey 3

11-4 Montbazon, 7-2 Irish Favour, 9-2 Johnnie Black, 5-1 Towzie Tyke, 7-1 Caithness, 12-1 Festive Prince, 14-1 Mr Snowman, Acid Drop, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Folkestone programme

12.45 BURWASH HURDLE (Div I : 3-y-o : £479 : 2m 200yds)

2	b	Agylla (Mrs Hayes), M. Goswell, 11-0 .... R. Rowell
3		Alvira (Miss Lissner), J. Gifford, 11-0 .... R. Champion
8		Big Tom (P. Poston), Poston, 11-0 .... Jos Scallan 5
14	0	Fell Swoop (R. Gibbons), P. Smyth, 11-0 .... P. Beasant 7
18	0	Gamlingay (R. Blakeney), Blakeney, 11-0 .... J. McNaught
24		Highway Robbery (B. Myers), J. E. Sutcliffe, 11-0 .. S. Wiggins 7
28	000	Jayride (Mrs Harmor), G. Balding, 11-0 .... J. Haine
30	22	Kutuzov (G. Pooley), P. Cole, 11-0 .... N. Henderson 5
34	00	Misty Sonic (M. Ritzenberg), Thomson Jones, 11-0 .... D. Mould
40	0	Royal Halo (Mrs Winton), M. Bolton, 11-0 .... —
47	0000	Starry Cluster (P. Curtis), R. Carter, 11-0 .... D. Briscoe
50	00b	Waymanhi (Mrs Wayman), J. S. Evans, 11-0 .... J. Spouse 7
51	0	Welsh Dresser (Mrs Ford), J. O'Donoghue, 11-0 .... P. Butler 7

6-4 Kutuzov, 5-1 Alvira, 13-2 Misty Sonic, 8-1 Royal Halo, 9-1 Highway Robbery, 10-1 Jayride, 12-1 Fell Swoop, 14-1 Agylla, 20-1 others.

1.15 BIDDENDEN HURDLE (£346 : 2m 200yds)

3	0-0	Complicity (B. Perrett), Perrett, 8-11-12 ...... D. Cartwright
4	3f12-02	Even Break (Mrs Gaze), Mrs Gaze, 12-11-12 .... R. Hyett
6	0130-0u	Kelly's Image (CD) (B. Brazier), J. Long, 11-11-12 J. Long 7
8	31001-0	Precious Vale (D) (P. Appleyard), P. Allingham, 9-11-12 J. Glover
10	43-f040	Sam Cooke (W. Langdon), G. Kindersley, 6-11-12 D. Langdon 7
11	200-400	Somethin's Wong (Mrs Winton), M. Bolton, 8-11-12 D. Mould
12	2p-2f11	Comic (Mrs Thorpe), F. Winter, 4-11-8 .... J. Francome
14	00040-4	Milton Abbey (Mrs Payne), J. Welch, 7-11-7 .... R. Atkins
15	f-	White Roding (P. Poston), Poston, 5-11-7 .... Jos Scallan 5
17		Ass Prince (O. Pierce), E. McNally, 3-11-3 .... G. McNally

3-1 Comic, 5-1 Even Break, 4-1 Precious Vale, 6-1 Kelly's Image, 10-1 Milton Abbey, 12-1 Sam Cooke, 16-1 others.

1.45 HEATHFIELD STEEPLECHASE (£868 : 3m)

1	0110p-0	Arctic Amoroso (Mrs Oliver), J. Gifford, 7-12-1 .. M. Gifford
2	f311u-1	Barmer (R. Dean), R. Blakeney, 6-12-1 .... J. McNaught
3	00-	Beau By (D) (E. Johnson), P. Allingham, 9-11-12 .. D. Mould
5	43324-0	Star Pearl (V. Matthews), R. Armytage, 5-11-7 .... J. Glover
7	Cup-p3u	La Robstan (C) (S. Powell), E. McNally, 6-10-11 .. J. Williams
8	041s0-4	Muckden Rock (D. Wigan), T. Jones, 5-10-10 ...... J. Francome
10	42fsf-f	My Virginian (Mrs Winton), M. Bolton, 7-10-5 .. C. Goldsworthy
11	0fp-130	Four By Two (Mrs Pym), G. Balding, 6-10-3 ...... B. Charley 7
12	11f4f4	Do So (G. Kindersley), Kindersley, 9-10-2 .... W. Shoemark

5-2 Arctic Amoroso, 100-30 Four By Two, 4-1 Barmer, 6-1 Star Pearl, 7-1 Muckden Rock, 8-1 Do So, 12-1 others.

2.15 HERSTMONCEUX STEEPLECHASE (£314 : 2m 100yds)

1	0b-4040	Agnew (Mrs Browning), D. Browning, 8-11-7 .... M. Stanley 5
3	p	Corsaljari (Mrs Rand), J. Long, 9-11-7 .... P. Upson 5
4	3013-0	Charnos (Mrs O'Mahony), O. O'Neill, 5-11-7 .... K. Maguire
6	00p00-	Flying Fred (G. Beccle), G. Balding, 5-11-7 .... J. Fox 3
9	fp33p-p	Jackaroo (J. Olliff-Lee), M. Bolton, 6-11-7 .... C. Goldsworthy
11		Miss Gay (R. Hartley), Hartley, 9-11-7 .... B. Charley 7
12	0fb	Spear (Mrs Wakeham), S. Mellor, 9-11-7 .... J. Glover
15	00p-302	Flame King (H. Henry), P. Cole, 4-10-9 .... N. Henderson 5
16	03-023f	Lintino (T. Conway), R. Smyth, 4-10-9 .... C. Read

2-1 Flame King, 5-2 Lintino, 4-1 Spear, 6-1 Charnos, 10-1 Agnew, 12-1 Flying Fred, 16-1 others.

2.45 APPLEDORE HURDLE (Handicap : £724 : 2½m)

2	21120-0	Flying Orchid (G. Luck), J. Gifford, 5-11-7 .... R. Champion
3	00p0-00	Arctic Ace (CD) (Mrs Miller), H. Miller, 8-11-7 P. Mitchell 6
4	104-020	Ibn El Harrem (Mrs Eykyn), G. P.-Gordon, 5-11-4 C. Peck 7
5	1410-3	Willy What (Mrs Wakeham), S. Mellor, 5-11-3 .... J. Glover
6	0101-	Woodriggs (D) (Mrs Joseph), Miss Sinclair, 6-10-12 .. R. Rowell
7	023pp-0	Cheapside (CD) (Mrs Ramsden), D. Kent, 8-10-11 P. Haynes 7
8	4002-02	Amundsen (CD) (Mrs Sutcliffe), Sutcliffe, 8-10-6 .. L. Griffiths 5
9	222440	Dubai (P. Owens), P. Smyth, 4-10-6 .... P. Beasant 7
10	00410-0	Ebony Rock (J. Rogerson), T. M. Jones, 5-10-2 .... T. Jones
12	203-000	Gulldy Den (D. Underwood), D. Underwood, 4-10-1 .... G. Old
13	000s00-	Franwin (CD) (G. Green), A. Davison, 8-10-1 .... R. Atkins
14	pp-	Samboy (E. Nott), J. Gifford, 6-10-0 .... A. Brennan
15	00-1320	Arctic Moss (D) (V. Smith), V. Smith, 6-10-0 .... R. Forsyth 7
16	0000-00	Revival (P. Gordon), R. Carter, 4-10-0 .... D. Briscoe
17	00	Mookalben (J. Clubb), J. Long, 5-10-0 .... J. McNaught
18	004-3	Young Dedham (A. Moore), A. Moore, 7-10-0 .... C. Read

5-2 Willy What, 100-30 Flying Orchid, 5-1 Ibn El Harrem, 6-1 Amundsen, 8-1 Gulldy Den, 9-1 Woodriggs, 12-1 Dubai, 16-1 Ebony Rock, 20-1 others.

3.15 HAILSHAM HURDLE (£356 : 2m 200yds)

1	1	Cast Iron (J. Pogley), O. O'Neill, 6-12-3 .... K. Maguire
2	0	Blue God (J. Jiggens), D. Ringer, 6-11-7 .... J. Jiggens 7
3	0	Boasorte (R. Tucker), J. Gifford, 6-11-7 .... R. Champion
4	p	Charlie Mopps (L. Smith), S. Mellor, 6-11-7 .... J. Glover
5	00400-0	Club Talk (T. Haynes), M. Goswell, 6-11-7 .... R. Rowell
7	p00ff-	The Donstan (S. Powell), E. McNally, 5-11-7 .... M. Saddler 7
8		Highview Jack (Mrs Sutton), W. Stephenson, 5-11-7 .. M. Gifford
10	300-003	Linden Lad (Mrs Young), R. Blakeney, 6-11-7 .... J. McNaught
11		Little Window (Mrs Ripley), G. Ripley, 6-11-7 .... C. Read
12	020-p	No Receipt (R. Leeper), R. Blakeney, 6-11-7 ...... P. Buckle 7

2-1 Linden Lad, 5-2 Cast Iron, 5-1 Club Talk, 7-1 Boasorte, 9-1 Charlie Mopps, 10-1 Highview Jack, 12-1 Blue God, 16-1 others.

3.45 BURWASH HURDLE (Div II : 3-y-o : £473 : 2m 200yds)

4	3	Ann's Grey (B. Stripp), J. Welch, 11-0 .... R. Atkins
11	4	Chatterbox (Mrs Bird), M. Goswell, 11-0 .... N. Banham 7
13		Faro Boy (R. Webb), Mrs Gaze, 11-0 .... R. Hyett
17	00	Friston Mist (C. Burgess), B. Wise, 11-0 .... G. Enright 3
20	00	Heart Beat (R. Shaw), R. Smyth, 11-0 .... P. Beasant 7
21		Hontingo (M. Bevan), G. Ripley, 11-0 .... C. Read
29	0	King's Walk (W. Waday), S. Ingham, 11-0 .... D. Mould
32	f	Lord Loo (Mrs Bonnett), A. Davison, 11-0 .... L. Radmore 7
33	00	Mandy Boy (F. Pullen), J. Gifford, 11-0 .... R. Champion
35		Newlands Arrow (E. Savage), Miss Sinclair, 11-0 ...... R. Rowell
38	3	Percewood (J. Joseph), W. Stephenson, 11-0 .... M. Gifford
41	0	Royal Refuge (S. Grey), G. P.-Gordon, 11-0 .... C. Peck 7
49		Sweet Boronia (J. Grady), W. Holden, 11-0 .... A. Turnell

2-1 Percewood, 5-2 Chatterbox, 4-1 Ann's Grey, 5-1 Royal Refuge, 8-1 Mandy Boy, 10-1 King's Walk, Heartbeat, 12-1 Faro Boy, 16-1 others.

Folkestone selections

12.45 Misty Sonic. 1.15 Even Break. 1.45 Barmer. 2.15 Flame King. 2.45 Willy What. 3.15 Linden Lad. 3.45 Chatter Box.

Nottingham selections

1.00 Hashi Benkei. 1.30 Inshalla. 2.00 Atanic. 2.30 Ancient Lawyer. 3.00 Set Point. 3.30 Johnnie Black.

Fontwell Park

1.15 (1.17) BOXGROVE HURDLE (Handicap: £378: 2m 1f)

Persian Alyce, b m, by Alcastus—Mery (Mr E. Cordery), 10-10-7 G. Old (10-1) 1
Cast Iron, ch h, by Fortino II—Potters Wheel (Mr J. Penley), 6-10-12 .. K. Maguire (5-2 fav) 2
Majestic Mitcham, b g, by Acropolis—Queen Statina (Mr S. Weston), 8-10-0 .. C. Harrhy (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Major Mystery, 6-1 Otago Gold, 7-1 Scots Gambol (4th), 8-1 Galanta Dance (p), 14-1 Gay Prince, Tudor Friendship, 16-1 Eastern Pharacy, King's Shilling, 20-1 Conned. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.07; places, 38p, 16p, £2.46. D. Underwood, at Bramley. 2l, ¾l. Garamond did not run. The winner was bought in for 560 gns.

1.45 (1.47) PETWORTH CHASE (£516: 3¼m)

Terry Rogers, br g, by Even Money—Irish Books (Mr A. Holder), 6-10-7 J. Spouse (5-1) 1
Hill Side, b h, by No Worry—Firm Hold (Mr M. Low), 8-11-3 Mr G. Jones (2-1 fav) 2

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Hickory (p), 5-1 Yours Up (p), 12-1 Last Approach (p), 20-1 Muscatel II (p). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.03; places, 24p, 31p; dual forecast, £1.17. A. Moore, at Brighton. 18l. Miss Gay did not run.

2.15 (2.18) RANK CUP HURDLE (Handicap: £663: 2m 1f)

Eric, b h, by Tamerlane—Canvas (Mr T. Cornwell), 7-11-9 F. McKenna (5-1) 1
Chocolate King, ch g, by Pampered King—Sally Stream (Mrs M. Tillman), 4-11-4 P. Kelleway (15-8 fav) 2
Vale Royale, ch g, by Barbary Pirate—Kate's Chalet (Mr G. Hackling), 7-10-4 K. Barnfield (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 Catsgore (4th), 11-2 Kentucky Fair, 12-1 Drumwynk, 14-1 Spray of Gold (p). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 21p, 17p; dual forecast, 45p. V. Cross, at Stockbridge. Shrt hd, 8l. Gay Manicou did not run.

2.45 (2.46) NORFOLK CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £440 2¼m)

Arne Folly, ch g, by Rose Knight—Royal Silver (Mr N. James), 11-11-4) Mr S. Stanhope (11-4) 1
Curlew River, ch g, by Jock Scot—Pony (Mrs L. Bader), 9-10-8 Mr C. King (13-8 fav) 2
John Crocker, br g, by Golden Vision—Arks Cottage (Mr A. Mildmay-White), 7-10-2 Mr A. Mildmay-White (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Brigand Prince (p), 16-1 Dusty Bend, 20-1 Woodview (4th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 16p, 13p; forecast, 57p. E. Champneys, at Lambourn. 4l, 25l.

3.15 (3.16) BURY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £454: 2¼m)

Indian Cottage, b g, by Mustang—Wild Belle (Miss S. Jameson), 10-10-9 .. C. Goldsworthy (4-1) 1
Gay Kybo, b h, by Pardao—Angazi (Mrs I. Kerman), 6-10-4 R. Champion (9-4) 2
St Swithin, b g, by St Amour—Cambomba (Mrs G. Cutting), 8-11-6 .. R. Kington (evens fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-1 Utah (4th). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50; forecast, £1.56. S. Woodman, at Chichester. 3l, 15l. Socket did not run.

3.45 (3.46) GORING HURDLE (5-y-o: £466: 2m 1f)

Papa Noel, ch g, by Santa Claus—Ninabella (Mr C. St George), 10-12 .... P. Kelleway (9-2) 1
Merchant of Venice, ch h, by Appiani II—Norissa (Mr A. Holder), 10-12 G. Lawson (4-1) 2
Parleyvoodo, b h, by Parlehay—Sober Witch (Mrs A. Smith), 10-12 ...... R. Rowell (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Be Sharp (p), 5-1 Royal Splash, 14-1 Golden Mask (p), 25-1 Smart Shoes (4th), Arctically (p), Marden (p). 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 24p, 17p, £1.72; dual forecast, 79p. H. Price, at Findon. 8l, 10l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Eric, Indian Cottage, £9.05. TREBLE: Terry Rogers, Arne Folly, Papa Noel: £39.65.

Nottingham

1.15 (1.17) LAKE HURDLE (£204: 2m)

Carne Gray, ch c, by Firestreak—Marcida (Mr G. Berry), 5-10-7 G. Griffin (4-1 fav) 1
Kibenkus, br f, by Kibenka—Avus (Mr P. Allen), 3-10-7 M. C. Gifford (8-1) 2
Served a Double, br f, by Tehran Court—Tennis Girl (Mrs J. Robinson), 4-11-8 J. Doyle (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Oscar, 8-1 Whatsname, Sayruo, 10-1 Romany Star, 12-1 John William (f), Sister Pat, 14-1 Culzean Prince (4th), French Bridge, Golden End, Golden Maple (p), 16-1 Tal-Y-Ponclan Boy, Avocet Tracy (f), 33-1 Charlie Moonshine, New Franc, Pompous Mouse, Boris, Cherabar, The Corsican, Her Grace, Miss Madelaine (f), Montaec, Netherfield Boy. 25 ran.

TOTE: Win, 62p; places, 27p, 28p, 95p. A. Bastiman, at Wetherby. Hd, 6l. Winner bought in for 550 guineas.

1.45 (1.45) GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £272: 2½m)

HANDA ISLAND, ch g, by Tangle—Headwave (Mr T. Gillam), 8-10-0 R. J. Thompson (7-2 fav) 1
SPARIOT, b m, by Sparton-General—Fire Chariot (Mr T. Jenks), 6-10-6 .... N. Clay (6-1) 2
La Danza, br m, by Lucky Sovereign—Miss Tangle (Mrs R. McAlpine), 7-10-0. A. K. Taylor (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Monnee River (f), 6-1 Eyton Choice (4th), 7-1 Mastery (ref), 8-1 Camaguey (p), 10-1 Druid (f), 12-1 Proud Paul, 25-1 Tanellio Lad (p), 33-1 Ruby Brandy (b). 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 11p, 22p, 34p. T. Gillam, at Rorcliffe. ¾l, 3l.

2.15 (2.19) MERIT HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,540: 2m)

French Pin, b g, by Pinza—Julie French (Mrs A. Lyburn), 10-12 R. Barry (8-1) 1
Town Ship, b g, by Behistoun—Gall Time (Mrs G. Davison), 10-7 .... R. Atkins (3-1) 2
Golden Duckling, ch g, by Celtic Ash—Golden Harmony (Mr J. Beazley), 10-9 G. Cooper (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Our Friend (4th), 15-2 Full Value, 9-1 Annas Prince, 14-1 Caister Camp, 20-1 High Wire (p), 25-1 Mr Manacle, 50-1 Barberry, Coffee Bob, Flittemere, Indian Leader, No Salute, Strudel, Try Aston, Whistle Win (p), Wrongly Down. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, 94p; places, 31p, 13p, 28p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. Hd, 10l.

2.45 (2.45) TRENT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 3m)

Even Swell, b g, by Even Money—Rippling Star (Ld Cadogan), 7yrs, 10 st 6 lb .. P. Buckley (11-2) 1
Bentley Boy, b g, by Manicou—Polyflinders (Mr H. Gibbon), 9yrs, 10 st 7 lb J. Suthern (3-1 jt fav) 2
Moonlight Escapade, b g, by Escart III—Great Moon (Miss E. Wharton), 8yrs 11 st 9 lb D. Cartwright (3-1 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Tombrack (f), 7-1 Duforge (b), King Commander, 10-1 Even Sail (4th), 16-1 The Leap (b). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 93p; places, 16p, 15p, 12p; dual forecast, £1.61. N. Crump, at Middleham. 1l, 10l.

3.15 (3.17) WOODLANDS STEEPLECHASE (Novice: £272: 2m)

Near and Far, ch h, by Crepello—Near and Dear (Mrs C. Paxton), 5yrs, 11 st 1 lb B. R. Davies (7-1) 1
Jolly Sailor, ch h, by Gallivanter—Starboard Beam (Mr T. Shrimpton) 6yrs, 11 st 2 lb Mr A. J. Wilson (16-1) 2
Something to Hide, ch m, by Double U Jay—Shot Gold (Mrs P. Shaw), 6yrs, 11 st 7 lb P. Broderick (4-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Winall, 9-1 Hildas Hurricane, 10-1 Piobair (f), 12-1 Polaboy (4th), 14-1 Helpex (b), 16-1 Alge, Charlie Tip (f), Honest Lawyer, 30-1 Short Parade, 25-1 Riches Fire (f), Saint Tina (f), 33-1 Brandenburg, Dark Hussar, Liberty Man, Picton, McCleery, Silbert (r). 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 98p; places, 34p, 69p, 21p. J. Edwards, at Leominster. 10l, 3l.

3.45 (3.46) TYNE HURDLE (Handicap: £443: 2m)

Emma J, ch m, by Never Dwell—Principle Girl (Mr B. Simpson), 6yrs, 10 st 3 lb R. F. Davies (12-1) 1
Bowsing Arms, br g, by Horse Power—Trivet Mark (Mr T. Foulds), 4yrs, 10 st G. Griffin (8-1) 2
Glendale, b m, by Master Rocky—Ponley Star (Mr J. Aitken), 7yrs, 10 st 8 lb .. Mr C. Jackson (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-3 fav Forbidden Fruit, 8-1 Tuckers Boy (p), First Brief, 16-1 Bungobah (4th), Andy Scot, Timandamus, 20-1 Current Folly (p), 33-1 All My Love, Second Hand, Paradis, Prims Boy. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 31p, 82p, 30p. W. Whiston, at Market Drayton. 1½l, 5l. Santellis and Jamaya did not run.

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enness enters hospital for more sts as elements foil MCC

ohn Woodcock
Correspondent

rne, Nov 11

is more disquieting news re of Michael Denness, the l captain. When his team Canberra tomorrow, where ay a one-day match before n to Sydney on Thursday, he left behind in hospital ergo a further series of e described as abdominal

of the last people to hear his this evening was the r. Alec Bedser. As if the affair was of no conse- Denness, with Edrich, the tain, and Bernard Thomas, siotherapist, had made off night. I hope their confi- is justified and that the ng areas of doubt, left after ay examinations and blood hich Denness had today, nd to be free from infec-

If they are, there can be hance of Denness playing New South Wales on Fri- ich means that at the most kely to have only one first- natch, against Queensland on November 22, before t Test in *Brisbane* on Nov- 29. From the time that the season ended in the second n September until he left d on October 21 Denness rd at work not only preparing for Australia but attending to his benefit, which runs until the end of the year. Just before leaving he seems to have caught a virus, the effect of which he has been unable to throw off.

As yet there is no talk *of a* replacement. Tomorrow, though, the team move off without their captain and a batsman short, a situation that would not be tenable for long. Cowdrey, Boycott, Wood, Jameson and Hayes are all names which come to mind should someone else be needed. So far on the tour Denness has impressed the Australians as being a friendly and approachable captain. The symptoms of his trouble are that when he takes any exercise, as in the squash court, a pain develops in the lower regions of his back. The harder he goes the worse it gets. The chances of his being back at the nets by the end of the week are not discounted, but they seem none too bright.

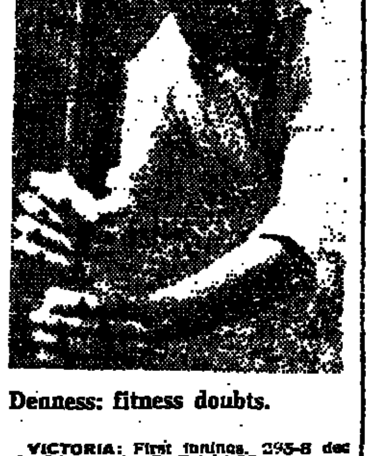
The weather, the pitch and the umpires conspired to make sure that MCC's match against Victoria was left drawn here today—the weather because of rain and poor light, the pitch because it was so slow, and the umpires because of the readiness with which they suspended the game when they could have continued it. On a fine, full day MCC would probably have won. As it was, when the light was finally considered to be too bad for batting with 11—4 of the last 15 overs still to be bowled, Victoria led by 75 runs and had two wickets standing.

Rain had delayed the start this morning by 50 minutes, but, in spite of that, an MCC victory was still on the cards when Greig removed Yallop and Scholes, who had added 72 for the fourth wicket, *soon after lunch. Another hour* passed, though, and 37 more runs were added before the next wicket fell. There was a further delay at teatime and Victoria were virtually safe when the umpires decided that it was too dark for Lever and Arnold to be bowling against two tail-enders.

Until the *new ball was* taken just before the end the bowling had been done mostly by Greig and Titmus. I felt it would have been worth giving more than one token over to Fletcher or trying Lloyd, especially with Willis missing, but Edrich preferred to let nature take its course.

Of the five wickets to fall the first four went to attacking strokes. Survival for those bent upon it was not difficult. Scholes, heaving at Greig, skied him to mid-wicket; Yallop sweeping, hit him straight to backward square leg; Baldry, driving at Titmus, was caught by Luckhurst some 30 yards back in the direction of long leg. Again the fielding of Lloyd and Luckhurst stood out. Titmus wheeled away, trying every lure he knew. Some, as they say, had snow on them when they came down; he "pulled the pin" out of one or two others. Greig likewise varied his pace and line but not even he, with his great height, could get any lift from the pitch.

RE: Combined Indian Universi- i for eight (Anshuman Gaekwad . Holder four for 57); v West



Denness: fitness doubts.

VICTORIA: First innings, 295-8 dec (L. Stillman 61, R. Bright 53).

Second Innings

*I. R. Redpath, b Lever	25
A. J. Sieler, lbw, b Lever	5
L. Stillmann, b Greig	1
G. Yallop, c Amiss, b Greig	30
W. J. Scholes, c Amiss, b Greig	36
R. J. Baldry, c Luckhurst, b Titmus	18
R. J. Bright, c and b Titmus	23
†G. Tamblyn, not out	15
M. H. N. Walker, c Fletcher, b Lever	7
A. L. Thomson, not out	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 2, n-b 6)	14
Total (8 wkts)	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—29, 3—36, 4—108, 5—113, 6—149, 7—152, 8—174.

BOWLING: Lever, 14.7—1—39—3; Arnold, 9—1—24—0; Greig, 25—6—65—3; Titmus, 19—5—27—2; Fletcher, 1—0—5—0.

MCC: First innings, 392-9 dec (D. L. Amiss 152, B. W. Luckhurst 116, M. H. N. Walker 4 for 71).

Boxing

Life's odds are lengthening for Ellis

By Neil Allen

Boxing Correspondent

Different coloured skin, 10 years in age between them, and the Atlantic ocean dividing their upbringing, Jimmy Ellis, from Louisville, Kentucky, and Joe Bugner, of St Ives, Huntingdonshire, have one thing in common, and that is *a dedicated manager*. One way or another, we should see evidence of that when the two heavyweights meet at the Empire Pool, Wembley, this evening.

Behind Bugner for all of his 55 professional contests has been Andy Smith, a Scots engineer, who, some feel, winds up his charge like a clockwork toy before every bout. Passionate when he is extolling Bugner's virtues, or defending his faults, "Mr Smith", as Bugner called him dutifully for many years, was a father figure and is now an unofficial uncle to the young man who was brought up only by his mother after they *fled together from Hungary in* early 1957. Smith feels responsible for Bugner's health as well as his wealth, and that is the right priority in such a violent sport.

Angelo Dundee, of Miami, chief trainer to Muhammad Ali as well as manager to Ellis, can sometimes sound as if he believed compassion was epitomized in the life of Genghis Khan. "Angie" is under no illusion that, in Damon Runyon's words, "all life is six to five against." When I last saw him he was standing in a chaotic dressing room at Kinshasa's main stadium doing his best not to say "I told you so" as I asked him about Ali's dazzling victory over Foreman.

It was in the vast interview room of New York's Madison Square Garden in February 1970 that I saw another side of Dundee's personality. Sitting dazed in a chair, Ellis was being questioned about his championship fight with Joe Frazier, which had just ended with Ellis being retired by his corner after a four round beating. "How many times did I go down?" Ellis asked. "Twice", he was told. "I thought I was down only once", he said. "What round did the fight end?" "Now you see, gentlemen", Dundee interrupted, "*that's* why I wouldn't *let him come out for the fifth*. I want him to fight again. He could have been badly hurt. Now I still got a fighter."

Earlier, in the privacy of the dressing room, Ellis had put his head in his hands. "I blew it all", he whispered. "I let you down, Angie, I'm sorry." "You didn't let me down", *Dundee* said. "Don't ever think that." It was the perfect answer to the boxer who, six years before, after three defeats in four bouts, had written to Dundee asking to join his stable and ended his request in huge letters "HELP".

Now it seems much nearer the end of the trail for the 34-year-old Ellis as he continues to box, but with much less frequent success, for his six children. He still scrapes into the tenth position of the top contenders because he has continued to hold his own with some of the best. But on paper he is obviously less demanding opposition for Bugner than either Jerry Quarry or Ron Lyle, who were considered as rivals this evening to Britain's European champion.

If Ellis has retained some of his skill, as well as his pride, he could travel the full 10 rounds against Bugner. Only if Bugner is far more positive than before, or Ellis lacking in speed, will the contest end early. I hope, for Ellis's sake, that it does not, for he deserves to go out on his feet and not his back. I think Smith would understand my wish.

This evening's programme does not, after all, include a contest for the British heavyweight champion, Danny McAlinden, following the postponement of his title defence against Bunny Johnson. Instead, the chief supporting bout will see Britain's European middleweight champion, Kevin Finnegan, in a non-title contest with Frank Reiche, of West Germany. Reiche is ranked seventh in Europe, one above Franz Czsandl, of Austria, against whom Finnegan is supposed to defend in Vienna next month. So Finnegan cannot afford to take any risks.

At stake for Finnegan as well is a possible World Boxing Council championship match with the winner of a title bout between Rodrigo Valdes, of Colombia, and Gratien Tonna, of France. Ray Clarke, secretary of the British Boxing Board, has returned from a WBC meeting with this good news, also that John Conteh has to defend his world light-heavyweight title against Lonnie Bennett, of *California*, and that the lightweight, Ken Buchanan, is to box for the world title the winner of the contest between "Guts" Ishimatsu, of Japan, and Rodolfo Gonzalez, of Mexico, and that the featherweight Evan Armstrong, if he defends his Commonwealth title at 9st, may also get a chance at a world championship.

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emner will add drive Scotland's mission

Bremner, captain of Leeds , returns to the Scotland or their European champion- e against Spain at Hampden on November 20. Bremner, l by suspension and injury *e first two months of the* , was left out of William id's list for the match against Germany last month.

Ormond clearly feels that ner's experience and drive be essential in Scotland's s in Europe. Bremner made tacular comeback with Leeds has scored in their last two es. His qualities of leader- make him almost certain to the Scottish captaincy from e, of Rangers.

nachie, of Manchester City, is in the pool after last playing Scotland against Northern nd in May. He replaces 's McGrain, who was taken he field during the Scottish Final with a chest injury.

Ormond made it clear that vill pin Scotland's hopes on thrust of Jordan, theh Leeds ter, if he is fit. Unable to com- d a regular first team place lland Road, Jordan is obviously l with Mr Ormond.

Spain and all theh continental tries are worried about Joe's *to win thhe ball in the air*", Mr Ormond said. "I only hope he's fit. Joe thinks he'll make it all right."

POOL: W. Bremner (Leeds United), M. Buchan (*Manchester United*), K. Burns (Birmingham City), K. Dalglish (Celtic), J. Deans (Celtic), W. Donachie (Manchester City), A. Forsyth (Manchester United), J. Holton (Manchester United), D. Harvey (Leeds United), T. Hutchison (Coventry City), A. Jardine (Rangers), D. Johnstone (Rangers), J. Johnstone (Celtic), J. Jordan (Leeds United), P. Lorimer (Leeds United), G. McQueen (Leeds United), W. Morgan (Manchester United), G. Souness (Middlesbrough), J. Stewart (Kilmarnock).

George Connolly, Celtic's international midfield player, yesterday *reported for his full day's* training since walking out on the club almost two months ago saying that he was giving up the game. Yesterday he surprised Celtic officials when he reported to the ground for a talk with Jock Stein, the manager.

Scottish Cup draw.—

FIRST ROUND: Stenhousemuir v East Stirling, Ross County v Brechin City, Inverness Clachnacuddin v Gala Fairydean, St Cuthbert Wanderers v Albion Rovers, Montrose v Selkirk. Ties to be played on Saturday, December 14.

SECOND ROUND: Cowdenbeath v Clydebank, Inverness Caledonian v Inverness Thistle, Alloa Athletic v St Cuthbert Wanderers or Albion Rovers, Stenhousemuir or East Stirling v St Mirren, Vale of Leithan v Montrose or Selkirk, Stranraer v Queen's Park, Inverness Clachnacuddin or Gala Fairydean v Stirling Albion, Forfar Athletic v Ross County or Brechin City. Ties to be played on Saturday, January 4.

Wolves player breaks leg while training in gym

Alan Sunderland, the Wolverhampton Wanderers striker, broke a leg while playing in a five-a-side game during training in the club gymnasium yesterday. Bill McGarry, the manager, was unable *to say how long* Sunderland, who is 21, would be out of action. "One thing in his favour is his age, otherwise he would be missing for a long time", he said. Apart from two games as substitute Sunderland has played in all Wolves league matches.

Coventry City are poised to make a bid for Peter Shilton, Leicester *City's* transfer listed England goalkeeper. Coventry, who have a bank overdraft in the region of £300,000 will offer Leicester players in part exchange to the value of £350,000 for Shilton.

Gordon Milne, Coventry's team manager, said: "I have always *said that I want* to compete with top clubs in this country, and I would always be interested in top class players when they become available. Shilton is in that category."

Trannere Rovers have protested to the Football Association that the ground of their FA Cup opponents, Farsley Celtic, is unfit to stage the first round tie. Tranmere's general manager, David Russell, visited Farsley's Throstle Nest ground on Saturday and afterwards a complaint was sent to the FA, who *have* asked Sam Bolton, their West Riding representative and a director of Leeds United, to visit the ground and report his views. If the FA rule that the tie cannot be played at Farsley, they could order it to be played at nearby Leeds or Bradford.

The third qualifying round of the FA Challenge Trophy is:

Ashington v Blyth Spartans; Aveley v Bishop's Stortford; Bath City v Cheltenham Town; Bilston v Devizes Town; Brereton Social v Louth United or Heanor Town; Cambridge City v Hendon; Canterbury City v Metropolitan Police; Chorley v Altrincham or Runcorn; Dagenham v Slough Town; Gainsborough Trinity v Atherstone Town; Goole Town v Spennymoor United; Hitchin Town v Barnet; Hyde United v Mossley; Ilford v Wycombe Wanderers; Kidderminster Harriers v Highgate United; King's Lynn v Nuneaton Borough.

Lancaster City v Shildon; Leatherhead v Carshalton Athletic or Gravesend and Northfleet; Margate v Dulwich Hamlet; Mexborough Town v Burton Albion; Minehead v Yeovil Town; North Shields v Bishop Auckland; Poole Town v Falmouth Town; Rhyl or Bethesda Athletic v Northwich Victoria; South Bank v Leeds and Carnegie College; Sudbury Town or Biggleswade Town v Cheshunt or Enfield; Sutton United v Woking; Tamworth v Matlock Town; Tooting and Mitcham United v Walton and Hersham; Winsford United v Great Harwood Town; Witney Town v Staines or Harrow Borough; Worksop Town v Ilkeston Town.

Ties to be played on November 30. Replays on or before following Saturday.

Rugby Union

Middlesex make a change in each row

Middlesex make a change in each row of their pack for their county game against Kent at Beckenham tomorrow. Claxton, at prop and Ralston at lock return for Barlow (Rosslyn Park) and James (Richmond). At flank forward Alexander plays his first match instead of Thorburn (London Scottish).

The England under-23 back row forward Chesseman, of Cardiff College of Education, returns to the Kent pack for this match. He takes over from Nealon, of Blackheath.

As Flitton, the Blackheath flank forward, suffered concussion against Oxford University on Saturday, McCarthy, his club colleague, continues in the back row.

Examinations have hit Eastern *Counties* and the south-east group champions will field a much changed side against Sussex at Bognor. Wyatt (Bedford), a wing three-quarter, is taking *open university* examinations and Bucknall, a Richmond wing forward, is sitting for stock exchange examinations.

MIDDLESEX: R. A. Codd (Rosslyn Park); D. Thorne (Saracens), G. Birkett (Harlequins), A. P. Friell (London Scottish), P. Lavery (London Irish); M. G. Heal (London Irish), J. Ridout (Wasps); T. Claxton (Harlequins), D. Pickering (London Scottish), B. Adam (Wasps), C. W. Ralston (Richmond, captain), D. Goodenough (Old Meadonians), R. A. McKenzie (London Scottish), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), A. Alexander (Harlequins).

KENT: I. Williamson (Blackheath); D. Sibley (Sidcup), D. Cooke (Harlequins), T. Cambridge (Wasps), D. Roper (Blackheath); K. Bushell (Harlequins), B. Murphy (Blackheath); A. Troller (Tonbridge), B. Bowler (Tonbridge), C. Smart (Newport), F. *McCarthy* (*Blackheath*), *C. Bird* (*Blackheath*), P. McCarthy (Blackheath), E. Bignell (Rosslyn Park), T. Cheeseman (Cardiff College of Education).

Sid Going must rest with a knee injury

By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent

Sid Going the All Blacks scrum half has been told that he must rest for at least a week after the knee injury he sustained in the match against Munster last Saturday. This means that he will miss the games against Leinster, in Dublin tomorrow and Ulster, in *Belfast, on Saturday*.

There is no damage to the cartilage, so the injury might have been worse, but his spraining of the medial ligament is enough of a blow in itself. The whole All Blacks performance revolves around him and they will be praying that he can prove his fitness against Connacht, the weakest of the Irish provinces (and the only fixture when the touring side can feel relaxed enough to rest most of their best players) before the international in Dublin three days later. Even at the best, he will be cutting things fine.

For the Leinster match tomorrow the All Blacks have made five changes from the side that achieved that excellent victory over Munster by 14—4. Stevens, who replaced Sid Going in Limerick, takes over at scrum half; Ken Going replaces Karam, at full back; Hurst returns to the centre for Bruce Robertson; and Bush (prop) and Eveleigh (flanker) come in at forward for Gardiner and Stewart. Batty, Whiting and the captain, Leslie, will be playing their third successive game.

When the All Blacks last played Leinster, in 1972, they achieved a flattering win by 17—9 and, at a time on the tour when their scrummaging reached its nadir, *they were pushed all over the place* in a thoroughly undignified fashion. Nothing occurred in Limerick to suggest a repeat per*formance of that tomorrow, when* their front five no doubt includes at least four who will be playing against Ireland.

Leinster, who already have beaten the inter-provincial champions, Munster, have now filled the two places left vacant in their side because of injuries. Moloney will play at scrum half, having recovered from the hamstring trouble that has plagued him since the British Lions tour of South Africa. Andreucetti of St Mary's, will be in the centre, Doherty, of Old Wesley, having ruled out because of a niggling Achilles tendon.

With Lynch at tight head prop, *Slattery on a flank, Moloney and* Quinn at half back, Grace and the flying Becker on the wings, and Ensor at full back, this looks a strong enough Leinster combination to cause the opposition much concern.

Ulster will meet the All Blacks at Ravenhill without their British Lions hooker, Kennedy, so *his* place in the Irish international XV on Saturday week is clearly in jeopardy. He has had one game for his province this season, but was left out of the side against Connacht. The man who replaced him then, Kidd, is retained on Saturday.

Another distinguished Ulster absentee will be Gibson, who injured an Achilles tendon in Ireland's centenary international at the start of the season and has since endured some frustrating weeks of inactivity. He is back in training, and stepping up his schedule daily, but it seems likely to be a week or two yet before he feels able to play again.

I am told that McLoughlin has been in splendid fettle for Connacht this season. Foiled by injury *on the Lions' tour from playing in* an international in New Zealand, he obviously is raring to go at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week.

NEW ZEALANDERS: K. Going; B. Williams, T. Hurst, J. Morgan, G. Batty; D. Robertson, I. Stevens; W. Bush, T. Norton, K. Tanner, H. Macdonald, P. Whiting, I. Kirkpatrick, A. Leslie (captain), K. Eveleigh.

ULSTER: H. McKibbin (Instonians); *S. Blake-Knox* (*North*), R. Milliken (Bangor), H. Adams (CIYMS), A. Grant (CIYMS); W. McCombe (Bangor), W. Postlewaite (CIYMS); P. Agnew (CIYMS), I. Kidd (Instonians), R. Clegg (Bangor), C. Murtagh (Dungannon), W. J. McBride (Ballymena, capt), J. Davidson (Dungannon), H. Steele (Ballymena), S. McKinney (Dungannon).

CONNACHT: A. Corley (Galwegians); J. Connolly (Galwegians), J. Colloran (Corinthians), N. Jennings (Bective Rangers), D. Lyons (Wanderers); K. *Smyth* (*Corinthians*), R. *O'Toole* (Corinthians); R. McLoughlin (Blackrock College), M. Brown (Blackrock College), P. McLoughlin (Northern), M. G. Molloy (London Irish), J. Lynn (Corinthians), M. Day (Landowne), L. Galvin (Athlone), M. Casserley (Galwegians).

Today's fixtures

League Cup, fourth round

Hartlepool v Aston Villa (7.15)
Ipswich v Stoke City (7.30)
Liverpool v Middlesbrough (7.30)
Sheffield Utd v Norwich (7.30)

Second division

Bolton v Oldham (7.30)

CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE MATCH: Southern League v Northern Premier League (first leg): Dartford v Boston United (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Wimbledon v Weymouth (7.30). First division (North): Redditch v Dunstable (7.30). South: Andover v Hillingdon (7.30).

F.A. TROPHY: Second qualifying round replays: Enfield v Cheshunt (7.30); Harrow Borough v Staines Town (7.30).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Kingstonian v Dulwich Hamlet (7.30); Tooting and Mitcham v Leytonstone (7.30); Woking v Leatherhead (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Cheltenham v Newbridge (7.0); Lydney v Stroud 7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition, second round: St. Helens v Salford (7.30).

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Hotels and boarding houses urged to get fire certificates

House of Commons

MR GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (Islington South and Finsbury, Lab) asked the Home Secretary to make a statement on the fire at a hostel in Liverpool Road, Islington on November [illegible] persons died, and the lessons it held for the operation of the Fire Precautions Act.

Mr ROY JENKINS—It was with the object of preventing accidents of this kind that the Fire Precautions Act 1971 was passed and the first designation order under the Act made applicable to hotels and boarding houses.

I understand that the occupier of these premises applied for a fire certificate in July. Although the GLC originally regarded them as outside the scope of that order, they subsequently concluded that they were a hotel. Plans were called for in October as a preliminary to inspection.

The fire authority is holding an urgent investigation as to the cause of the fire. In the meantime I am considering what other action might be taken, but I would certainly again urge all hotel and boarding house keepers who have not applied for a fire certificate to do so at once.

MR CUNNINGHAM—This hostel would not have been operated as such if central government had not overruled the refusal of Islington Borough Council of planning permission for the hostel, although that refusal was not based upon fire risk or anything to do with fire precautions.

Given the shortage of staff which the GLC have for this purpose, can the Home Secretary consider what action might be taken to speed up the inspection of hotel and hostel accommodation in London so that there is no repetition of this tragedy ?

MR JENKINS—I was not aware of the position about central government overruling *the local* authority but I will look into that, although I note that it was not on the grounds of any fire risk.

On the question of speeding up of inspection and matters relating to fire precautions there are two issues. The occupier applied for a fire certificate in July.

There is a possible ambiguity here about the scope of the order laid in 1972. I propose to look into that and see whether the ambiguity can be removed. I think that may be one of the main lessons to be drawn.

It is also the case that the earlier people who feel they are in a position of being hotel or boarding house keepers can apply for certificates, the better the chance of dealing with the matter as expeditiously as possible.

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—He will have seen the rather disturbing figures in the recent annual report of the Chief Inspector of Fire Services about the Fire Precaution Act's rate of progress. We support him in any review he can make which will result in the Act being applied more quickly. Could he bear two possibilities in mind: to persuade fire authorities to give do all he can to make sure that the number of firemen engaged in fire precautions work goes on increasing at the fastest possible rate.

MR JENKINS—Regarding the implementation of the 1971 Act, in the GLC area, applications relating to 1,489 premises have been received and 1,475 of them have been surveyed. That is a satisfactory proportion.

Some 218 fire certificates have been issued. That might well be regarded as less satisfactory. In many cases structural work is required before the certificates can be issued.

These figures point to the fact that the delay is not exceptional in relation to inspecting premises from which applications have been received. It may be that applications do not come in soon enough. It may be there is too great a delay in carrying out the necessary structural work for the certificate to be issued. I will pursue these matters.

MR BEITH (Berwick upon Tweed, L)—Many hotel keepers are desperate to get this work completed and face some difficulties in obtaining planning permission and getting the planning permissions processed for the necessary alterations, and sometimes getting mortgage finance. Will he do all he can to assist these hotel keepers ?

MR JENKINS—There is provision under the Fire Precautions Loans Act for local authorities to make loans and the Government has recently extended tax relief provisions for expenditure on fire precautions necessitated by the 1971 Act. There has been progress here but I will keep the matter under review.

MR ADLEY (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Many boarding house and guest house keepers are unable to shoulder the financial burdens of complying with the Fire Precautions Act. All of us have a part to play in this because of the way in which we failed, when the 1971 Act went *through*, to recognize the problems of the small operators. Would he consult with his Parliamentary Secretary and consider making available either Government low-interest loans or, if necessary, grants for the small people so that we can try to avoid tragedies of this nature ?

MR JENKINS—I will consider if there is anything we can do, beyond the changes already made, to give some financial help in this respect.

MR MICHAEL MORRIS (Northampton, South, C)—To the best of my knowledge concern was expressed about the fire precautions of this particular hostel as far back as 1970-71. The worrying thing is that local authorities know of a number of hostels that are more of a fire risk than others. It has taken the best part of three years for this hostel to ask for a certificate. Up and down the country there must be others at risk who have not come forward.

MR JENKINS—It was not until July that the certificate was applied for and this underlines the importance of those coming forward as early as possible to apply for certificates where they think they may be covered. Let us try and make the order clearer.

Price code stays but changes out today

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) asked the *Secretary of State* for Prices and Consumer Protection to state her future policy on proposed alterations in the operation of the prices code.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—A consultative document will be presented to Parliament tomorrow (Tuesday) setting out the Government's proposals for amending the prices code.

MR HAMILTON—Can she give an assurance that that document takes account of the fact that in the April 1973 new earnings survey one fifth of working men are earning less than £25 a week and two out of every three women are earning less than £25 a week ?

MRS WILLIAMS—He must await the various statements tomorrow.

MR SEDGEMORE (Luton, West, Lab) asked later what percentage increase in the retail price index over the next 10 months would follow the total abolition of price control. The estimate by the CBI (he said) of 1.75 per cent belongs not to the realm of economic analysis but to the land of the fairies. (Labour laughter.)

MRS WILLIAMS—It is the view of my department that the result of removing the price code totally would be considerably greater than some of the statistics that had been advanced. It is not our intention for one moment to do so.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—In view of the obvious relative success that her department has had in relation to controlling prices, can she state categorically that this success will be maintained ? Without asking her to anticipate tomorrow's Budget, is she really saying in answer to Mr Sedgemore that there will be no relaxation whatsoever ?

MRS WILLIAMS—He will largely have to wait for tomorrow, but the reply I gave Mr Sedgemore was that there was no intention of abolishing the price code.

Committee will advise on electrical goods

MRS JOYCE BUTLER (Wood Green, Lab) asked whether the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection would consider the need for a committee to advise her on matters relating to the safety of electrical equipment for use in the home.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State, in a written reply, said: I have decided to set up an advisory committee on the safety of household electrical equipment to advise me on matters in this field for which I am responsible, with particular reference to the administrative guidance to be issued by my department from time to time concerning the proposed Electrical Appliances (Safety) Regulations which I hope to lay before the House shortly.

Unusual procedure to meet unusual situation on tunnel Bill arising from two elections

MR MULLEY, Minister for Transport (Sheffield, Park, Lab), moving a motion that the Channel Tunnel Bill should be resumed at the point it had reached when the House was dissolved in September, said it was a hybrid and technical Bill to give powers to acquire land and carry out workings so that the tunnel could be built. It was not concerned with the proposed rail link.

The Bill was originally introduced and read a second time on December 5, 1973, but a general election intervened and it was carried over to the last Parliament when it was again read a second time. It completed passage through select and standing committees before the September dissolution.

The motion was intended to save petitioners the expense of another select committee. The last one had heard 13 petitions representing some 70 organizations, costing over £40,000. It would also save time. Some petitioners against the Bill would like another opportunity to put their case. The motion would allow them to go through a select committee in the Lords.

There was no exact precedent for the motion. It was an unusual situation which arose from having two general elections within seven months. He was surprised that some Labour MPs should be affronted at the prospect of doing something which was not completely precedented.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab) said it was a question of killing the Bill by any means. As Mr Mulley had put up an Aunt Sally it was the job of MPs to knock it down.

MR MULLEY said it had been made clear that this did not commit the Government to building the tunnel or even committing them to it in principle. It was expected that the group of independent advisers would report in time to coincide with the end of Phase Two in the spring of next year.

The Bill needed to be law before the Government could ratify the treaty. They were required to sign *it before January 1 because they* could otherwise be held to have unilaterally abandoned the tunnel. The consequences of that would be financial penalties.

If the four parties agreed that the project was no longer worthwhile or if the companies decided to withdraw then the private risk money would be lost and the Government would have to meet their guarantees. Work to the end of Phase Two was likely to be £30m. Little of that would be saved by abandonment. Virtually all the contracts were now let and cancellation charges would account for a great part of any savings arising from the few remaining months of work.

Any such savings were overshadowed by the fact that abandonment by the British Government would, under the terms of agreement, mean that the companies qualified for compensatory multipliers of their risk money amounting to some £6m to be borne along with other costs equally by the British and French Governments.

It was necessary to have the powers that the Bill conferred before they could ratify that treaty which was necessary even to preserve the Phase Two studies, without any commitment about what view the House would take as to proceeding to the next stage. If the motion was not carried, the Bill would have to be introduced again.

The motion and the present Bill were not intended to deal with the powers necessary for the construction of the high-speed rail link from London. These must be secured by a separate private Bill to be introduced later by British Rail.

If the motion was passed, it would in no way commit anyone to any future view of the Channel Tunnel. It would provide adequate further opportunities for MPs and other interested parties concerned to put their points.

MR PEYTON (Yeovil, C) said he hoped that people who lived in the tunnel area and on the line of the rail route would be given sufficient time to discuss this matter and to air their anxieties adequately. The minister would be well advised, during further discussion of the project as a whole, to pay fairly frequent visits to Kent and the area of the rail route so that people could at least have the chance of expressing their anxieties to him personally. (Conservative cheers.)

It was fatuous to talk about open government if such an opportunity was not provided. The minister would earn the gratitude and appreciation of all concerned if he would take it upon himself per*sonally to do this.*

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab) said the Bill was first introduced two House of Commons ago. There were now entirely new groups of MPs on both sides of the House who were bound to have feelings completely different from the feelings of those who were present when this was first introduced.

There was also a completely changed economic situation. (Labour cheers.) As politicians they would do themselves far more credit if they took into account all the changes in economic and political priorities which had occurred since the first introduction of this Bill.

If this project was so good, why did it need a Government guarantee ? (Further Labour cheers.) Several more hazardous projects had not required a guarantee. The exploration of North Sea oil was one example.

There is at present (he said) something like 84 per cent excess capacity on existing services across the Channel. In other words, throughout the year the total capacity provided by present ferry and hovercraft services is used to the extent of only 16 per cent.

That was an argument, not for engaging in new investment, but for changing the pricing policy of existing services. He was endorsed in that view by the report of the Monopolies Commission, which said there should be certain price alterations on certain Channel services. That report actually recommended that there should be a diminution of the number of services for crossing the Channel.

Since the Bill was first introduced, the estimated cost of the project had increased from £846m to more than £1,500m. All the calculations for the Bill were based on the assumption of an annual rate of inflation of 5 per cent. Not even the most hardened devotee of the social contract would claim that we were going to have inflation of only 5 per cent.

Miraculously, the success of the project was based on the assumption that 75 per cent of holidaymakers with cars were going to switch to a means of crossing the Channel which would be 42 per cent more expensive, with the possibility of saving about half an hour. At this time there were more important social priorities to which the Government should be giving attention.

MR SPEED (Ashford, C) said that although he now represented a constituency which was greatly affected by the project, he had not changed his view on the desirability of a Channel rail link. It would be a nonsense if the House went back to square one.

Would some kind of commission or public inquiry be ruled out ? If there was to be such public participation, they and the local authorities must have proper information. Stress should also be laid on environmental factors. He would support the minister over the motion, but had nagging doubts about whether everyone was coming clean on the high speed rail link proposals and whether the required information was being given.

MR GWYNFOR EVANS (Carmarthen, Plaid Cymru) said he feared some of the money which should be invested in Wales to develop her railways would go instead to this type of project. The Welsh taxpayer could not afford such projects, either.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab) said that he was not complaining about the motion. The election had been about the language of priorities and the motion could lead to spending of the order of £1,500m. The motion should be withdrawn or defeated.

There were some people within the Cabinet and many in the Government who were against the Channel tunnel in principle, so backbenchers should rescue them from their collective responsibility. (Laughter.)

MR WELLS (Maidstone, C) said the tunnel was not a prestige project. It was deeply researched, desirable and viable. It would benefit future generations. Inflation would affect ferries and hovercraft, and the price of building them in future, but the tunnel once built, would be there for generations. It was not pie in the sky. It was a serious and viable project.

British Rail had been slow to assuage the fears of people whose property was blighted, or temporarily blighted. That was in contrast to the conduct of the Channel Tunnel Company, which had been exemplary. The company had made it clear that they would give compensation to anyone who suffered.

SIR JOHN RODGERS (Sevenoaks, C) said he opposed the motion. The French President was no longer enthusiastic about the project, and had said he would like to postpone it or shelve it altogether.

MR MULLEY—I have discussed the matter with my French colleague, but that was before the election. Obviously the situation with France will depend very much on the decision the House takes tonight. If it takes an adverse view of the motion, I shall not be in a *strong negotiating position.*

MR MAYHEW (Royal Tunbridge Wells, C) said there had never been an independent public inquiry into the merits of the rail link or any forum set up at which the proposals could be tested by the process of cross-examination. Even at this late date absurdly little was known about the nature of the rail link, its effect on the environment, or its cost.

The motion was approved by 168 votes to 115—Government majority, 53.

Subsidies on food avoid means testing

MR TIMOTHY RENTON (M Sussex, C) asked the Secretary State for Prices and Consumer P tection for a statement on the to estimated cost of food subsidies 1974: and what proportion of th would go to families earning l than the average national wage.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minis of State (Swansea, West, Lab Estimated expenditure on fo subsidies in the calendar year 1 is £340m, of which half is expec to go to families whose incom below national average.

MR RENTON—Britain's eco mic and financial resources strained at the moment. The mi ter's answer emphasizes that th are far more efficient ways redistributing incomes than by Government's bottomless pit subsidies—by indexing or by su security benefits.

MR WILLIAMS—In that Mr Renton must explain why fought the election in suppor retaining subsidies. The Conse tives must decide whether ha deserted their leader they are going to desert their po (Labour cheers.)

MR EMERY (Honiton, C)— Government are continuing s dies for a short period specifi to aid those who are worst off, according to figures, over thirds of the £700m is not goin those in greatest need. Will minister ensure that this m goes to the people who really it ? (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILLIAMS—Half goe those below average income the rest is recouped in tax from the higher income gro The alternative would be an ar ary system under which would be a very low take-up, b on means testing. That does work fairly. (Labour cheers.)

MR MACLENNAN, Under S tary for Prices and Consumer tection (Caithness and Suther Lab), said that on the basis o national food survey results fo second quarter of 1974, the mated saving afforded by food subsidies to a typical fa of two adults and two children about 85p per week.

Call for fair shares of sugar for all

MR WOODALL (Hemsw Lab) asked what evidence Secretary of State for Prices Consumer Protection has that cery retailers are imposing c tions of sale, whereby a cust must purchase a specific amou goods before he can purcha bag of sugar.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, written reply, said: My depart has received numerous compl from all parts of the country a this practice. I recognize tha the present time traders may it necessary to find some mea limiting individual purchases sugar but I have asked gr trade associations repre both independent and mu retailers to remind their mem of the importance, when sh out sugar supplies fairly, of ing special arrangements for more vulnerable sectors of population, such as pensione believe that retailers generally willing cooperating in this.

Concorde in service

MR TROTTER (Tynemouth asked the Secretary of State Trade when British Airways expect Concorde to enter shadow service.

MR CLINTON DAVIS, Ur Secretary, in a written reply, British Airways are plannin begin regular scheduled Conc services in the spring of 1976 sooner if possible. Meanwhile, manufacturers of Concorde, cooperation with British Airw will be arranging a series endurance flights which will f part of the process leading to awarding of the aircraft's cer cate of airworthiness. T endurance, or "shadow", fli are expected to begin about middle of next y.

IRA documents

The REV IAN PAISLEY (N Antrim, UUUC) asked the Se tary of State for Defence to ma statement on the finding of documents in the locker of an airman at Lyneham, Wiltshire.

MR BRYNMOR JOHN, Un Secretary for the RAF, in a wri reply, said: I am aware of newspaper reports, which were accurate in this respect. No I documents were found in the man's locker or amongst belongings.

Bangladesh visit

MR CROUCH (Canterbury, asked the Minister of Overs Development when she next tended to visit India and Ban desh.

MRS JUDITH HART, in written reply, said: I hope to m a visit myself next year. My Par mentary Secretary (Mr Will Price) will be making such a v next month.

Meriden : work elsewhere not affected

Questioned on the number of requests for advice or assistance to the Department of Industry,

MR MEACHER, Under Secretary for Industry (Oldham, West, Lab), said: Since March 15 this year financial assistance under the Industry Act has been offered in 16 cases for the purpose of maintaining employment.

MR HILARY MILLER (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C)—The offer of financial assistance to the Meriden cooperative has threatened jobs in Wolverhampton, Birmingham and elsewhere.

MR MEACHER—Although assistance has been given to Meriden it is also the case, regarding Norton Villiers Triumph, that £8m out of £12m required to guarantee export stock will be provided under Section 8 of the Industry Act. We have been careful that assistance to *Meriden will in* no way impinge on employment prospects elsewhere of that company.

MR HESELTINE, Opposition spokesman on industry (Henley, C)—When is the Meriden cooperative going to start production ?

MR MEACHER—The Government have agreed to give assistance of £4,950,000 in grant loan on a once-and-for-all basis to set up the cooperative at Meriden, which would otherwise have been closed under plans to rationalize production at Norton Villiers Triumph. We look forward to the beginning of the operation at Meriden in the near future.

Freeze on food prices would cause shortages

MR THORNE (Preston, South, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection to freeze prices of essential goods, particularly food and household goods, backed by law.

MR MACLENNAN, Under Secretary (Caithness and Sutherland, Lab)—No. Costs have risen sharply in the past year—imported food, for example, by 17 per cent. A freeze in these circumstances would only lead to serious shortages in the shops, bankruptcies, and put jobs at risk.

MR THORNE—The highly mystical social contract will hardly become a reality on the basis of that sort of approach to the question of prices. If prices are to remain free, wages must remain free, also.

MR MACLENNAN—*There* is no question of prices remaining free, and the price code operates effectively to control prices. The three-month delay the Government have already introduced in their first review of the price code has had an effect in stabilizing prices.

Large families switch to subsidized food

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, during questions on food subsidies, said she had no immediate plans for extending the subsidy programme at present.

SIR JOHN HALL (Wycombe, C)—Several of the subsidized foodstuffs are increasing rapidly in consumption. If she continues this open-ended subsidy regardless of consumption, will she not introduce some form of restriction on the amount of any subsidized foodstuff available to the public ?

MRS WILLIAMS—He will have seen a Ministry of Agriculture survey which is reported today in *The Daily Telegraph*. He will recognize that the increases in quantity are relatively small. One reason, given by the National Household Survey, is that there has been a substantial switch to subsidized foods by families with four children and above. This is something I welcome.

Food prices slightly lower as Britain is in EEC

MR HURD (Mid Oxon, C) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection by how much food prices rose in the United Kingdom between January, 1973, and October, 1974; and what proportion of this rise was attributable to British membership of the EEC.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—The further we get from the date of entry into the Community the harder it is to calculate what food prices would have been if we had stayed out.

The food price index rose by 29.2 per cent between January, 1973, and September, 1974. Official estimates now show that food prices are on balance very slightly lower than they would have been were we not a member of the Community. (Conservative cheers.)

MR HURD—That is a significant answer. What would the effect be on the price of bread and cereal products generally if we kicked ourselves out of the Community and had to pay the world price for all our imports ?

MRS WILLIAMS—The price of wheat for bread in the Community is about one-third lower than in the world generally. Monetary compensatory amounts are payable, as a result of the last agricultural ministers' meeting, on imports into this country which distorts the price comparison. Also, one is soft and the other is hard wheat, therefore a direct comparison cannot be made.

Broadly speaking, it is true that cereals are now less expensive within the Community than outside it.

Farms, pictures and trophy for the nation

MR PETER HARDY (Rother Valley, Lab) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if any property had recently been accepted in lieu of estate duty under the provisions of section 56 of the Finance Act, 1910, section 49 of the Finance Act, 1946, section 30 of the Finance Act, 1953, and section 34 of the Finance Act, 1956.

MR ROBERT SHELDON, Minister of State, Treasury, in a written reply, said: Yes, about 200 acres of land in the Lake District, comprising Fieldhead Farm in Eskdale and Underhelm Farm, Grasmere, and certain chattels associated with Cotehele House, Cornwall have been accepted and transferred to the National Trust to be held for the enjoyment of the public.

A portrait of Ellen Terry known as "Choosing" by George Frederick Watts, a self-portrait of George Richmond, a drawing, "William Blake, Walking" by George Richmond and a silver gilt trophy wrought by Paul Storr and presented to Lord Exmouth by officers who served under him in the bombardment of Algiers in 1816, have also been accepted and an announcement of their destination will be made by the Minister for the Arts in due course.

The total cost borne by the National Land Fund after allowing for relief from estate duty and capital gains tax is £140,140.

Strategic plan will be made up to date

MR OVENDEN (Gravesend, Lab) asked whether the Secretary of State for the Environment was satisfied that the Strategic Plan for the South-East, published in 1970, still provided a suitable framework for local authorities to perform their planning responsibilities.

MR JOHN SILKIN, Minister for Planning and Local Government, in a written reply, said: Yes; the strategic plan which was prepared jointly by the Government, the South-East Economic Planning Council and the Standing Conference on London and South-East Regional Planning set out certain broad principles for the development of the region. These remain valid. *In* particular the decision to check widespread growth as far as possible in a number of major and medium growth areas has proved to be sound.

I have decided, however, that the plan needs updating, mainly in the light of economic changes since it was compiled in the late 1960s. I have therefore invited the South-East Economic Planning Council and the Standing Conference on London and South-East Regional Planning to join with my department in updating and further developing the plan.

Communist protest on Chile telegram

European Parliament

Strasbourg

SIGNOR D'ANGELOSANTE (Italy, Comm) asked for an explanation from the Commission about a telegram of congratulations sent to the Chilean Government in September.

The question asked why, at a time when a year after the fascist coup, democrats continued to be subjected to repression, imprisonment, and torture, and when the people of the member countries of the Community condemned the illegal Government in Chile did the Commission consider that a telegram of "warmest congratulations" should be sent by the President of the Commission on September 17.

Signor D'Angelosante said the extending of congratulations by the President was not in conformity with the protocol of the Commission since such statements or declarations should not express any political opinion.

The situation in Chile was serious and the Government was illegal. Those who did not share the same political opinions as the men in power were tortured and persecuted and many people were still suffering in jail. The United Nations had taken a stand on this situation and there was a clear conflict of ideals.

The Commission also ought to consider the legal position since Italy had not recognized the new regime. The only thing for the Commission to do was to recognize what it had done and rectify it.

DR HILLERY, for the Commission, said the telegram was sent, not on September 11, the anniversary of the seizure of power, but on September 17 for September 18, the date on which Chile traditionally celebrated its independence.

The Commission sent such messages as a matter of diplomatic courtesy and they had no political significance. The Commission did not think it would be practical in matters of this kind to distinguish between their relative approval of one government or regime compared with another.

One might wonder about the value of this practice, but its observance in no way implied any political or moral judgment of any government which happened to be in power at any time.

He recalled that the Commission had earlier expressed the opinion that democracy had temporarily collapsed in Chile and individual human freedoms were being denied. He further recalled that Sir Christopher Soames condemned as abhorrent, violations of human rights and democratic freedoms wherever they might occur.

Legislation on exclusion clauses complex

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection to introduce legislation to make exclusion clauses in contracts for services void.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State (Swansea, West, Lab)—As soon as the Law Commission's report is received, we shall consider urgently the changes which are required.

MR CRYER—That answer is unsatisfactory. The Law Commission has been a long time reporting. A slight alteration only is required to the Sale of Goods and Implied Terms Act, 1973.

Capitalist organizations, like Pontins and Butlins, will continue to evade their responsibilities through the fine clauses in their contracts. Will he treat this as a matter of urgency to protect people in future ?

MR WILLIAMS—I do treat this as a matter of urgency. The Law Commission is an independent body and producing its own report.

I accept the points Mr Cryer makes about the difficulties that this means for consumers, but at this stage I cannot anticipate the form legislation will take. If it were just a simply matter of modifying existing legislation, that we could do, but it is far more complex in the services than the goods sector.

State money for North Sea oil

MR SKEET (Bedford, C) asked the Secretary of State for Energy how he proposes to find the money required to fund state participation in commercial fields in the North Sea.

MR JOHN SMITH, Under Secretary for Oil, in a written reply, said: The amount, timing and method of any payments in this connexion will depend on the outcome of negotiations to which we shall be inviting the companies. This will be one of the factors to be considered in deciding how the financial requirements of the public sector as a whole are to be met over the next few years.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Motion on Channel Tunnel Bill. Motion on Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order. Pensioners' Payments Bill, second reading. River Wear Barrage Bill, third reading.

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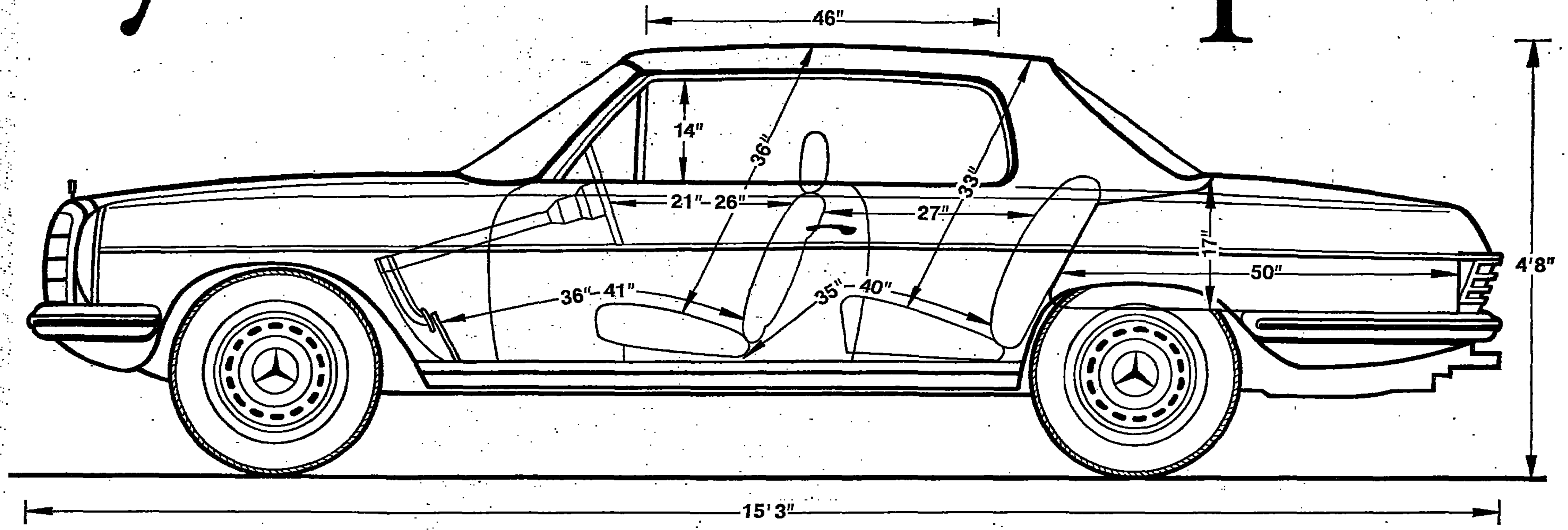

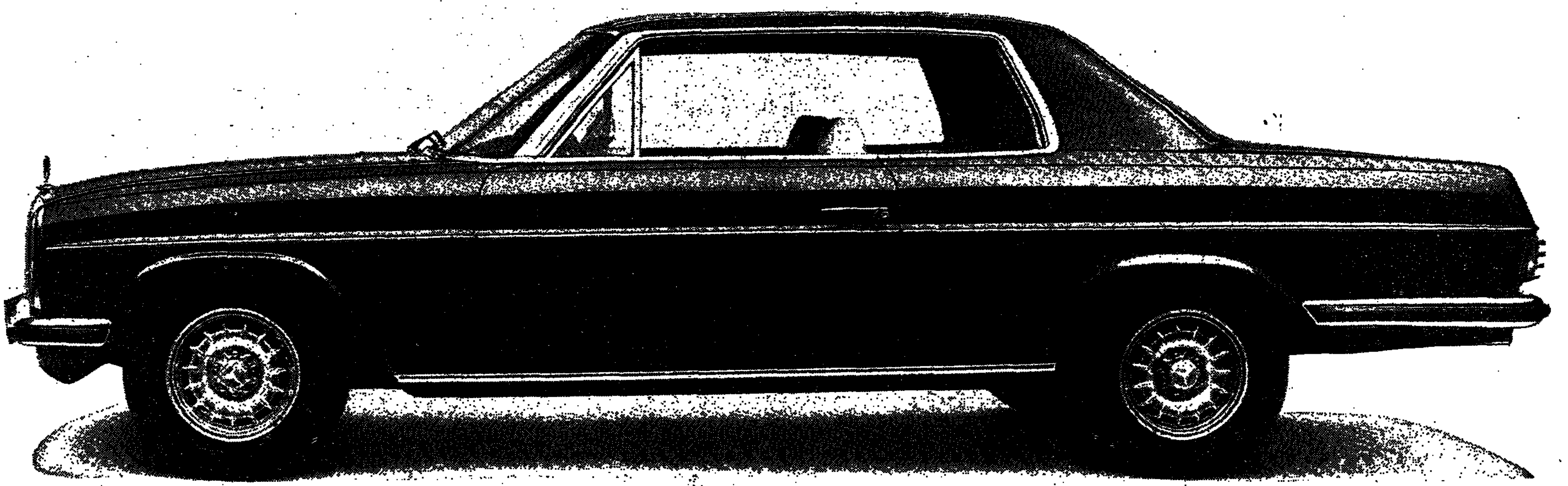

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How bad is the situation for the small business?

Threat to the support line of British industry

Mr and Mrs Ronald Heyward own a 56-bedroom two star hotel in a summer resort on the east coast. They are a middle-aged couple who between them combine an impressive background of business expertise, and they inherited the hotel from Mrs Heyward's father 14 years ago. They have worked hard to make it a success. This year, like all small businesses who are vulnerable to swings in the economy, they have been in trouble.

Until this spring the business flourished. The Heywards purposely kept their prices low but none the less they were able to buy an Aston Martin (they have no children and say that this is their one luxury). But rising food prices, intermittent credit squeezes and the fact that they had to pay their chef twice as much this summer as two years ago has meant that they quoted this year's room prices too low—some of the rooms are booked 14 months in advance—and did not even cover costs this summer.

But the crunch did not come until the Heywards had to find £12,000 for compulsory fire protection work; the money was borrowed from the bank and put their overdraft up to £40,000. The bank manager has now started complaining. This comes at a time when the hotel has closed for the winter.

The Heywards also own a company importing luxury leather gifts from Italy. When they decided to embark on it late last year they thought they had obtained a £5,000 loan from the bank to get them going. They found a warehouse and offices in the Midlands, took on five agents, and started business. But then it turned out that the bank manager was not very keen on *the loan after all, just at the* moment when the Heywards had paid for the incoming goods, while their customers were demanding the traditional 60-day period before paying. The order books were full, but where was the money to come from?

At the beginning of the summer the Heywards came to London to look for backing; they spent three weeks and £600 on a fruitless and depressing search. They were told that nothing could be advanced without proof of credibility in the form of three years back figures for the company. Just one week before they would have had to go into liquidation the Smaller Businesses Association, a non-political, non-profit making organization set up to champion the interests of the small business man, secured them a loan with a surprisingly forthcoming bank manager and they were saved.

The Heywards are typical of a great number of the one and a quarter million businesses in this country classified as small (less than 200 employees) by the Bolton Committee of Inquiry on small firms, and who between them employ more people than the entire public sector. The Heywards are very independent "we're not joiners" and are interested not so much in making colossal sums of money as the excitement of dreaming up an idea and seeing it work. Neither of their present businesses is the first and they will undoubtably not be the last.

But what the Heywards say is that they want to be left alone. to get on with them. "They are obviously viable businesses; we're both very good at that", says Mr Heyward. "Why can't everyone take the pressure off?" In fact *their very independence isolated* them from help, in the form of grants, and advice which might otherwise have been forthcoming from the Government Small Firms Information Centres ("never heard of them"), and such organizations as the CBI Small Firms Council, the Smaller Businesses *Advisory* Service, the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation.

The Heywards have averted disaster and feel confident that they are back in business. Many other firms, as the rising number of liquidations and bankruptcies show, have not been so lucky. According to the Department of Trade and Industry figures bankruptcies were up by more than a third in the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year, and company liquidations were *nearly* 200 higher at 1,561. The trend is continuing.

These firms have been squeezed four ways. Banks are being tough about overdrafts; their big customers are not paying promptly; their suppliers refuse to give them credit; and corporation tax is hitting them hard. The last Conservative Government encouraged expansion; factories were inundated with extra demand and so they increased output by additional investments in stock, plant and equipment. But when in November, 1973, the Clearing Banks announced that they could not increase loans to privately owned businesses, manufacturers had in fact already embarked on producing the additional output.

Nowhere has the situation been worse than in the engineering business. Most small companies tend to keep relatively large stocks because they are flexible and cover a large range of components. When the three-day week came they lived off the fat, but by the time supply was normal again costs had gone rocketing up, and so the cost of new supplies was not even covered by the goods sold. So, despite the fact that their order books were full, some of these small engineering businesses found it very hard to raise the money to pay for new stock, all the more so as they were being pressed by their suppliers to pay cash on delivery, instead of taking the usual 60 or even 90 days credit.

Those that survived did so by digging into their reserves, and they are now not surprisingly low on liquid assets, while the pressure from suppliers continues and the banks, far from lending more money, are beginning to point out that because of the fall in property values, their previous loans are rather less securely covered than they were.

Mr J. O. Stokoe, managing director of one engineering firm, reports that his difficulty is that no one wants to buy *anything. Seven months ago his* factory was making the parts for 2,000 electric fires each week; when electricity prices went up his main customers called back the work, and had them made up in their own factories. His turnover has halved and though he has not laid off any employees he is not replacing those that are leaving anyway. "We hope to ride it out", he says.

Builders, who are traditionally bad at cash flow and getting invoices out and payments in, have also been badly hit. One small construction business which supplies plumbers stocked up with copper in the early spring; the demand for his goods has gone right down and meanwhile the price of copper has soared and with it the value of his stock on which he now has to pay tax. The textile industry, which is also made up largely of subcontractors, is reporting difficulties. Frank Ambler, who runs a firm producing synthetic fibre tops, suffered from the shortage of raw materials *combined with the Flixborough disaster and the three-day* week, and is still only on two thirds production. If he is not yet suffering from cash flow problems it is largely because the shortage of materials has meant that he has not had to find the money to pay for them.

> ‘If you lose small businesses you lose the entrepreneurial spirit and become a sad collection of bumbling bureaucrats’

However, not all small busi*nesses are in such straights.* In particular firms that have specialized by making a name for a product or a service the "unique selling proposition" are in a better position than most; a specialist in the plastics field, or a renowned craftsman are both relatively immune to the current situation. This is also true for firms who are in the export business, where there is no price control, and which is an area many people feel needs developing. R. S. Fearnehough, chairman of a family business making industrial cutting parts, says that without the fact that about half his work goes overseas he would have been in trouble before now.

So how drastic is the situation for the small business? According to Mr John Bolton, author of the Bolton report, it is very hard to tell, since detailed figures are not available, and no one knows what proportion of lending by banks is going to small firms. The ICFC, *who lend money primarily to* growing businesses, say that in the past six months the level of applications has begun to fall. They add that since they are now lending at 18 per cent it is hardly surprising that a small business man is wary of committing himself to such interest rates for the next 10 to 20 years. "What is certain is that to survive, firms will have to take defensive action, reduce their expansion plans, lay off people who are not essential", says Mr Bolton. "And that will lead to still worse unemployment."

The small businesses and the various people who speak for them, like consultants, the SBA and the CBI, all say that to improve their position it is essential to make borrowing money easier, and bring down interest rates. They add that the advance corporation tax should be abolished, and the rate of the tax related to real and not estimated profits, that stock appreciation should be taken out of tax computation, and that the Government should legislate that companies must pay their debts when they are due, and that if they do not, they must pay interest on them. The SBA would like the Government to guarantee bank loans made to small companies—this would allow banks to charge lower rates of interest, *instead of treating small businesses, as they do now, as poor* risks, and consequently charging high interest rates.

But almost more than the various financial measures many small businesses hope for a psychological boost. They say bitterly that the small business-man is traditionally despised. "There is a general feeling that the Government is ganging up on small private enterprise", says Nicholas Tate of the CBI. "This affects their confidence and means that people won't decide to go it alone any more. And if you lose small businesses you lose the entrepreneurial spirit and become a sad collection of bumbling bureaucrats", adds a man who owns a textile business, which he sees threatened by coming wage claims, triggered threshold payments and tax. But whether or not you believe the entrepreneurial spirit is important, small businesses produce over a quarter of the GNP, and if a sufficient number of small contractors go bankrupt the whole interlated web of suppliers can hardly fail to be seve affected.

Meanwhile the Govern continues to insist that basically sympathetic to s businesses. "We are genui interested in them and cerned about their proble says Gregor MacKenzie, Minister responsible for s businesses, a post that wa up after the Bolton In reported in 1971, and ca on by the Labour Party.

He points to the success o Information Centres, which attracted 37,000 visitors i couple of years they have going. But he also says tha people to help small busin are big businesses, who sh pay up promptly, and the pliers, who should stop s ing them, and that the p to see that this is done ar CBI. When I asked the about this they replied th best start would be to g Government departmen the public sector firms o on the nail.

The one and a quarter m small businesses are w somewhat apprehensively the Budget. "It is a s situation, but not neces one leading to a disaster" Mr Kenneth Cork, senior ner of a firm of charter countants dealing in insol Other people are more pe tic. "If nothing positive is to generate confidence i future of industry as a and a chance given to businesses to trade in a able manner, then the Year will see a dramatic c in the situation", says Pratt, of the Smaller Busi Advisory Service. "As m 50 per cent of small busi could be in trouble with *months.*"

Caroline Moore

Mr Callaghan's policy is that diplomacy begins at home

British foreign policy seems to be set on a new course under Mr James Callaghan. "His favourite word," an official remarked the other day, "is 'realistic'." It is clear that, having held the post of Foreign Secretary for eight months and settled into the job, Mr Callaghan now looks out from the vantage point of the start of a new government with renewed confidence.

Unlike some of his predeces*sors, the new Foreign Secretary* does not appear to have an overall view of the world and Britain's place in it, coloured as it were by the glorious days of empire when so many parts of the map looked pink.

He is far more concerned, as a Labour Foreign Secretary has to be, with the home front, realizing that if foreign policy is going to be successful it must reflect the mood and wishes of the party. Britain's capacity for action in the world at large is severely limited. Indeed, Mr Callaghan's greatest fear is being enmeshed in situations, like Cyprus, where we have responsibility without power.

The Foreign Office itself, when the planners meet in those quiet rooms where it seems to be permanently afternoon, tends to see British policy in surprisingly down-to-earth terms. The basic aim is to conduct foreign policy so as to pay our way in the world—first to maintain British creditworthiness in order to borrow the sums of money we need in our present straitened circumstances; and then, towards the end of the decade, to conduct our policy so that we are in a position to earn the money to repay these debts.

Mr Callaghan's shrewdness is directed towards keeping the Labour Party happy while at the same time pursuing the kind of policy which befits a small country trying to earn its living. He was *not* a pro-European when he came to *office and it was only* an accident of timing—the need to take decisions very quickly in Brussels—which made him appear so preoccupied with Europe in those first months.

Whether Mr Callaghan is pro-Europe now, in any positive way, is a matter which he keeps to himself. What no one in Whitehall doubts is that he is doing his utmost, on strictly pragmatic grounds of British self-interest, to get the kind of terms in Brussels which will *enable him at the end* of the renegotiation period to say "Yes"—however the Cabinet may divide.

Mr Callaghan's own instincts lie more towards Washington than Brussels, one suspects. Hence his great friendship with Dr Kissinger and their "Henry and Jim" telephone calls in time of crisis. Anglo-American relations are in better shape, after the rows over lack of consultation in the Middle East war, and this change, fortu*nately, has been matched by a* more general shift, post-Pompidou, in the European Community in the same direction.

The European problem is not settled—far from it—but the signs are that Britain will get the kind of terms Mr Callaghan is seeking. He is meeting the German and French Foreign Ministers on their own ground this month, as a minister who knows what the Community is all about, and the summit of the Nine is due in early December.

With Europe going well, the main beam of foreign policy is already turning in a new direction: Africa. Here, in the Rhodesian problem, all Mr Callaghan's criteria for action are combined. It is an issue which deeply agitates the Labour Party, an area where Britain has a responsibility to fulfil, and a problem which is important to settle for Britain's own standing in the world.

Mr Callaghan does not approach it with any great confidence that it can be solved, but his approach is characteristically different from his Tory predecessor's. He believes that the first step is to try to secure black African support, so that Britain is not shouldering the burden alone but, if possible, acting in concert. His visit to African countries at the end of the year is therefore the start of a process which could, in its way, be as important as any task he undertakes.

If Mr Callaghan is not as purblind about South Africa as some of his party, that is because he may see some hope of bringing influence to bear in Pretoria. The British role, again, is construed not in striking attitudes, but in trying to act behind the scenes. An example was the serious dressing down which the Japanese Foreign Minister was given on his way through London recently, on Japan's laxity in applying sanctions against Rhodesia.

The possibility of acting behind the scenes is, all the same, very limited for a country of Britain's resources. Until our economic strength is at least on the mend, the scope for British diplomacy will remain reduced. In the Middle East, Mr Callaghan may be able, in private conversations, to put in a constructive word here and there. But the idea of a British initiative in the old Foreign Office style is as dead as the dodo.

Diplomacy must depend on our powers of persuasion, through reason. If in the modern world, many countries are not open to reason, that is sad. But without gunboats, reason it must be.

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Bernard Levin

Pulling strings for the Czech puppets

The ways of diplomacy are often strange and at times repulsive, and this is one of the times. For tomorrow there arrives in this country a delegation from the "Parliament" of Occupied Czechoslovakia, headed by Jan Marko, the particularly odious quisling who was appointed Foreign Minister in the puppet Government installed by the Soviet authorities after the invasion of 1968. I have written before about the farce called the Inter-Parliamentary Union, by the rules of which countries which have nothing resembling representative government or genuine elections are allowed to be members on exactly the same footing as nations which practise both, and it is useless to imagine that any reform is likely while the self-interest of the totalitarian member-states, anxious to preserve the propaganda benefits they can derive from membership, coincides with that of free-loading MPs from countries like Britain, anxious to preserve their right to visit beautiful cities such as Prague at public expense. But there is something exceptionally vile about receiving from a country which is actually under military occupation, and in which the Government is appointed by the occupying power, members of a Parliament which is not only no Parliament in any real sense of the word but which was chosen in a manner that was illegal even under its own totalitarian laws, while courageous individuals who at the time drew attention to the electoral rights which those laws theoretically promised still lie in jail for their temerity.

It requires a really immense effort of the imagination to envisage the contempt in which the people of occupied Czechoslovakia must hold this country in general and its present Prime Minister in particular. When Mr Wilson went to Prague in 1973 to make his notorious speech declaring that the Soviet invasion and occupation were "best forgotten" it was Jan Marko who met him at the airport, and a British Labour MP (Mr Maurice Edelman, to his eternal credit) who pointed out the effect that the newspaper photographs of the pair of them smirking together would inevitably have in the prisons where Brezhnev's Czech victims rot; within the next few days there will be more such photographs, of even greater propaganda value to the Soviet authorities and their Czech puppets now that Mr Wilson is Prime Minister. Perhaps Mr Wilson will take the opportunity to announce that the much-touted, much-postponed visit of Bohuslav Chnoupek, the present Foreign Minister "of" Czechoslovakia (he succeeded Marko in the post), is at last to take place; clearly, to get clearance for such a visit is one of the chief aims of the present delegation, and there must be high hopes that if Mr Wilson could say in Czechoslovakia last year that the events of 1968 are "past and over" he can receive next year a man who was one of the instruments used by the Soviet invaders to organize the purges, the denunciations, the man-hunts and the jailings with which resistance to the invaders and their installed regime was crushed.

And yet surely, even in Wilsonian Britain's present degraded state there must be a limit to degradation, and if there is one, then the reception of Chnoupek here must surely be beyond it. The man is not even a Laval, let alone a Pétain; he is a hack without principles of any kind, even bad ones (if we want a Vichy equivalent, it is Doriot).

Now just as the parliamentary free-loaders, who want nothing to interfere with their hopes of sipping Czech beer next summer in a café on the banks of the Vltava, will do all they can to make the Marko delegation's visit a success, however savage a blow to Czech morale it must be, so Mr Wilson, determined to pose as a figure of international significance, will be prepared to welcome Chnoupek, despite the even greater quantity of despair it would generate in that "far-away country of which we know nothing", if he is confident that the visit would pass without serious embarrassment. It certainly would not; but I hope that the visit of the Marko delegation will be attended, despite the efforts of the free-loaders (not to mention, incidentally, the fellow-travellers), by sufficient marks of parliamentary and public disgust as to make it clear in advance that the dog would be even more unwelcome than its fleas.

Once before, in 1962, Britain received a delegation from a Czech pseudo-Parliament, and on that occasion it was headed by a man even more obviously unacceptable than Marko; he was Zdenek Fierlinger, one of those who helped organize the earlier Soviet seizure of his country, in 1948, and who is in addition strongly suspected of organizing the murder of Jan Masaryk. On that occasion, there was a considerable public outcry in Britain, and I hope there will be another now. And in case anybody should still wonder why the events of 1968 are not, as Mr Wilson called them, "best forgotten", I would refer them to Jan Frolik, a Czechoslovak who escaped to the West after spending many years in the Czech Intelligence Service. I have just read a long and meticulous account by him of the work of the Czech intelligence services in Britain, particularly in relation to Josef Josten, one of the leaders of the Czech exile community in this country, and a tireless fighter against his country's enemies, whether Nazi or Communist. With names, dates and details, Frolik describes the campaign against Josten, including the forgery of documents designed to discred the planting of a spy in hi nization—he runs the FCI Agency for information communist Europe—an series of orders from F for his assassination, whic some of the agents at the Embassy baulked at and aged to block. Frolik's mation, incidentally, resul the discreet expulsion London of a number of using diplomatic cover, c them—here until only a c of months ago—being Vl Hrusecky, the interroga Cardinal Beran, whose job was Commercial A Is it seriously to be su that these activities stopped merely becaus cast has changed?

I am well aware that modern world we cannot scrupulous about whom w to. (I am also well awar tomorrow's arrivals wi fawned over by Labour who would protest again reception of a delegation South Africa and boycott a functions in which its me were involved.) There are when democrats must sit with tyrants, and honest with murderers: Chur famous precept—"jaw-ja better than war-war"—op more powerfully and ur than ever. But is not the slightest sity for any British ernment to entertain offi on any level above that of talks, representatives of *powerless and meaningless* pet Government of Czecho kia, justly hated by its people and rightly despis Czechoslovakia's true r Jan Marko is called the D Chairman of the Czechos Parliament, and Boh Chnoupek bears the titl that country's Foreign Min but the truth is that Czec vakia has neither a real P ment nor a real Foreign O Shall we conceal that trut shall we promulgate it?

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Presidential race comes to town

American politicians are seldom not running for some office or other. *No* sooner is one set of elections over—most recently the mid-term contests last week—than they are galloping off towards the *next.* And the next in this case is the presidential race in 1976.

As far as the Democrats are concerned, the spotlight is for the time being on London, where two of the leading candidates (plus Edward Kennedy, who has ruled himself out) are attending a meeting of the North Atlantic Assembly. The better known of the pair is Senator Henry Jackson, whose speech at last night's Pilgrims Dinner is reported on another page. But my Washington colleagues tell me that some shrewd money is on the other one, Senator Lloyd Bentsen, from Texas, who is hardly known here.

To remedy that, I went to *Claridge's yesterday to meet* him. He is 53, tall, rich, lean and friendly, with what I imagine would be an open face were it not that he had just had emergency repair work done on a tooth, and was thus numb and swollen.

Bentsen has not yet formally declared himself a candidate, but says he is moving towards it and will come to a decision early next year. He admits that—unlike his rival Jackson—he is not a household name in the States, but adds: "I've been *that route before.* When I started running in Texas a survey showed that I had less than 2 per cent name recognition there." From that unpromising base, he beat Ralph Yarborough, the sitting senator and a well-known liberal, in the primary, then defeated George Bush.

He is strong on such statistics. When I asked *him* whether he placed himself to the Left or Right of the Democratic Party, he said that one survey showed him voting 55 per cent with the liberals, while another showed him voting 57 per cent with the Right of the party.

He thus regards himself as being of the Centre (while Jackson is widely viewed as the candidate of the Right). Bentsen said: "Unless a candidate can appeal to the Centre I don't think he's going to win. The recent election showed people moving to the Centre."

Like Jackson, he is a critic of Henry Kissinger's foreign policy. He believes Kissinger did not consult sufficiently with the European allies before engaging in *détente* with China and the Soviet Union. "There is too much crisis-hopping and not enough institutional diplomacy", he said.

Apart from attending the assembly, Bentsen has arranged meetings with political leaders here. He is seeing Edward Heath and Peter Shore, among others, and will then pay flying visits to see leaders in France and Germany—none of which can harm a potential Presidential candidate. At the weekend he returns to Washington to carry on running.

The current issue of Beauty Health and Slimming in Vogue *contains the information that "comfrey is one of the foods World Health is studying to combat the world hunger campaign". It adds that the substance is a sedative. It might not make you less hungry, but it should help you worry less about that sinister-sounding campaign.*

Communicating

Michael Fox is an open, smiling and disturbing vet and psychologist who has come from Washington University to promote his latest books—one on dogs and one on cats. The book on dogs is called *Understanding Your Dog* and is sub-titled, *Everything you want to know about your dog but haven't been able to ask him.* Fox insists that man and dog can communicate—they can grin at one another, for instance—and suggests that, as the evolutionary process continues, communication between man and his domestic pets could increase.

Fox was born in England but has spent the past 12 years in America. The purpose of his books, he said yesterday, was to help people understand their pets. "If you can understand an animal for itself", he declared, "it helps you see things around you—trees, women—as they really are."

The cat book is called *Understanding Your Cat,* and both books end with agony forums for distressed pet lovers. One example: "My shepherd spooked the other day when I came in wearing a new hat. In fact, it's the first hat I've worn in years. He barked and growled for some time before he seemed to know who I was. Is this unusual in dogs?" (Answer: no.).

Hunger

One of the stars of the World Food Conference in Rome is Professor René Dumont, who was a member of Lady Jackson's Rome forum on the food problem. He is recognizable by his red high-necked pullover and his air of a man who took 1.2 per cent of the vote when he fought the French presidential election as the candidate of the ecologists.

He is officially 70 (though some believe he is actually older) and he has been trying to bring home to delegates the essentials of the situation by proposing a one-day fast for all of them tomorrow. In a letter to *Pan,* the conference daily newspaper, he complained that there had been no response at all to his suggestion, but that he was going ahead anyway, and anybody who agreed with him should join in. His approach will commend itself to those of my readers who criticized my taste in publishing Mirabel Cecil's store-lunch tests while the food conference was in progress.

Ecology

A plaintive letter from a reader brought to my notice some strange goings-on in Kensington Gardens, London. The Department of the Environment has obtained a large van which cruises round the gardens for the purpose, according to my correspondent, of rounding up cyclists. His point is that it seems against the interest of the environment to chase away harmless pedallers with a polluting petrol-engined monster.

The Department does not, naturally, see it that way.

The van is used to keep order generally in the park. Chasing cyclists is only a small part of its duties, though the spokeswoman said:

"Several people, especially old people, have been frightened by cyclists speeding down the flower walk, which is downhill. It's a hazard to pedestrians. And if you ran after a cyclist you'd be most unlikely to catch him."

Bad business

I have had several complaints from the people mentioned in my item last week about the high price quoted for Clement Freud in the list of speakers issued by Foyle's lecture agency. They do not challenge the accuracy of the story, which is unchallengeable. Their main *complaint is that they hardly* ever get any work through Foyle's.

Freud himself said he can never recall having been given work by Foyle's, and that the £150 fee they quoted for his services is two years out of date. "I have been raising my in accordance with I Three", he wrote.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, o other hand, complained th implied she charges more she does. She is prepare talk to anyone for as littl £15, which all goes to her c of keeping nasty things off air. She said she did not k she was on Foyle's list and she, too, had never rece work through them.

Lord Longford said much same. His fees go from not to £100, depending on nature and wealth of the he is addressing. Foyle's it was a pity that most of t we mentioned were among less popular speakers.

Sealed

Seal conservation—but not mammal kind—was in the m of a dozen experts from countries, who have just c pleted a 2½-day conference London. As members of Sigillography Committee of International Council Archives, sponsored UNESCO, they were talk about how fragile some hist seals have become, includ those impressive lead ones wh lend dignity and weight to Pa bulls.

Sweden leads the field in c servation. The experts, who h their last triennial confere *in Moscow, were not joined* time by their Eastern Europ colleagues. Sigillographers the world are not, apparent united.

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ISKS IN US COAL STRIKE

nation-wide coal strike has red in the United States. The ute over a new labour con- t could well be resolved *in a few days, according to* tiators on both sides, thereby ting the work stoppage to t two weeks. A prolonged ce, however, will have grave sequences for the United es which is already in a re- ion and, consequently, have a ous impact on the world nomy.

ne United States recession is deepening as inflation ply erodes consumer demand. t American industries using , such as steel and the rail- s, have coal reserves for ut thirty days, while the ks at electric power com- ies are probably enough for average of about four to six ks. President Ford could porarily halt the strike by king the Taft-Hartley Act, he is currently unwilling to e this step, which could well ngthen the militancy of the ers.

eaders of the United Mine rkers (UMW) trade union l the Bituminous Coal Opera- s Association have spent ks in negotiation, but they e failed to reach agreement ore their current labour con- ct runs out today, and the ers have a long tradition of o contract, no work ".

he UMW has just come ough a difficult period, includ- a murder involving the office the presidency and the nission of widespread corrup- n. Mr Arnold Miller, who took ice just two years ago, under- k to clean-up the union. The rent negotiations are his first l political test. For this reason, particular, Mr Miller is in no od to accept an easy com- omise.

There is, however, nothing crudely political about the present dispute. The UMW leaders are a cohesive and politically moderate group, whose prime motive is economic. There has been no suggestion at all that basic opposition to President Ford's economic policies is playing any role in the coal negotiations:

The UMW's demands involve some 200 separate questions about working conditions, as well as a highly complex pay package, including cost of living index increases, the details of which have remained a closely guarded secret. Most of the " non-pay " issues have already been resolved, with employers maintaining that these alone will raise labour costs in the mines by some 40 per cent in the three-year life of the new contract. The settlement at the negotiating table will for the first time in history be ratified by direct ballot by the union's 125,000 members, a procedure introduced by Mr Miller in an attempt to democratize the union. It is a process that will take at least nine days to complete.

The union is in a militant mood because the energy crisis has brought new profitability to the coal industry and inflation has eroded the real income of the miners. The UMW, whose members control 70 per cent of America's coal production, maintain that in the past three years their average income has increased by just 8 per cent, while coal prices have risen by 61 per cent and coal profits by 181 per cent.

President Ford already faces mounting pressures from Democrats in the Congress to take tougher action to curb the recession and regulate the oil companies. The pressures against the oil companies will increase as the coal strike continues, for many of America's richest coal fields are now owned by the major companies.

A prolonged coal strike could well force the President generally to adopt much tougher economic and energy policies. These could now include renewed wage and price controls, a surtax on oil products, expanded public works programmes, easier monetary policies and fewer cuts than *currently* planned in the federal budget. Furthermore, Democrats in Congress might press for swift abandonment of oil depletion allowances, immediate imposition of a windfall profits tax on oil companies and much greater tax relief for low income groups, these are all matters that are currently under discussion in the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

United States unemployment is already at 6 per cent and rising swiftly. Economists estimate that a coal strike of more than four to six weeks could see unemployment rise by over one million to 7 per cent. A lengthy coal strike could also cripple an automobile industry, which is already in serious difficulties. The miners are well aware of the consequences of their action. They are *anxious to appear reasonable*, but Mr Miller is under real pressure to assert his authority over his union and the rank and file miners are bitter about the inflation. The strike is already putting the stock markets into a yet more gloomy mood. The American public and the rest of the industrialized world can only hope that optimistic remarks now being made by the mine owners are evidence of real advances at the negotiating table, and not just of wishful thinking.

OMES FOR HARD-CORE YOUNG CRIMINALS

ildren under the age of seven- en are committing an increas- gly large proportion of the ime in this country. They are sponsible for about a quarter f all serious offences, and more han 40 per cent of all urglaries and robberies. Not nly is this proportion rising arply but the age at which *ildren become criminals is tting lower and lower. It is now* longer uncommon to find inquency starting at ten or ven. Sophisticated gangs of rteen-year-old housebreakers pear before the juvenile courts ularly. The combined forces of police, the law, and the social vices appear powerless to est this trend, let alone reverse

Much of the blame for this uation has been laid on the ildren and Young Persons Act 59. Magistrates especially have *ded to make the Act a scape-* at for all the undoubted short- *nings of our system of dealing* th delinquent juveniles. The t was a well-intentioned asure, designed to concentrate ention on the welfare of the ender and his treatment, her than on punishment and cipline. One of the ways it ed to achieve this was by re- ving from the magistrates ir power to make an order nding a child to an approved hool. It also created a structure "community homes" to re- ce the approved schools, nand homes and other institu- ns for child offenders.

Magistrates claim that the result has been that children are now able to commit offences virtually with impunity. They argue that the juvenile courts are *now given no effective alternative* to placing children who come before them in the care of the local authority, which in turn often allows them to go home and commit further offences. Some children are coming back before *the court on ten or a dozen occasions*, and the *total* of their offences can reach three figures, and still, the magistrates argue, little can be done except hand them over yet again to the local authority. One magistrate has recently resigned from the juvenile panel because of his frustration over the situation, and others are threatening to do so.

It would be wrong, however, to think that giving the courts back their old powers to make orders sending children to specific types of homes would lead to a great improvement. *The fact is that* there are appallingly too few places to which *the* persistent child offender can be sent. The local authority social services department is often forced to let a child go back home because it can find *no* place for him to go.

Three assumptions were made when the Act was passed on which its success depended: that the rise in juvenile crime would be relatively slow and gradual; that there would be made available sufficient institutions to which children could be sent; and that the social services would be able to cope. All three have proved to be wrong. Funds to build urgently needed accommodation for particularly difficult child offenders have not been provided. The social services are overworked and undermanned *and at the time the Act came into* force were going through a period of trauma as a result of the far-reaching reorganization proposed by the Seebohm Committee.

It is now clear that the vast majority of serious crimes committed by children are the responsibility of a small proportion of hard-core persistent offenders. These children often come from a deprived, inadequate home, and suffer from personality and mental disorders. The Children and Young Persons Act, which provides a satisfactory framework for the "ordinary" delinquent, is completely unable to cope with the disturbed and disruptive child offender.

The most important need, both for the protection of society and the welfare of the children themselves, is to provide secure accommodation to which they can be sent, and to ensure that facilities for intensive treatment will be available. This cannot be done without at the same time ensuring that there is adequate expert residential staff to run these homes. Resources must be devoted to all these aims. They will not be a complete answer to the juvenile crime problem. Its roots go much deeper. But money spent on treating delinquents now may be a sound investment. The delinquent child of today has a good chance of becoming the adult offender of tomorrow, if nothing is done to stop him.

HE ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ISRAEL

rael's dramatic austerity easures could hardly have come a more sensitive moment poli- ally. Her dwindling foreign rrency reserves contrast arply with the lush surpluses joyed by the oil-producing rab countries. Her security is coming ever more expensive d the balance of power is not ifting in her favour. Some rabs will doubtless be encour- ed to believe that what they ve not yet won by war and gotiation they could still win economic attrition.

This is almost certainly to- derestimate the resilience of e Israelis and the help which ey can still expect from abroad. t the general direction in hich the tide is flowing can arcely bring much *comfort* to rael. Her economic situation s always been unusual and vul- rable. She cannot trade norm- ly with her neighbours and has erefore had to reach out for ore distant and expensive links. e also has to spend a huge oportion of her budget on fence. At the same time her ople have come to expect the standard of living of a modern industrial state and have been willing to pay heavily for imports of consumer goods and cars, while the government has subsidized basic foodstuffs for the sake of the poorer sections of the population.

This way of life could continue as long as world prices remained moderately stable and there were *enough Jews in the United States* and elsewhere to pump additional funds into the country. But Wall Street is now having its troubles too. There is less money for Israel, and oil prices have hit her in the same way they hit most industrial states. At the same time there are rumours of new wars, so there can be no cutting back of expenditure on defence.

Some Israeli experts believe that the austerity measures should have come sooner. They certainly had to come at some point. But the shock effect is still considerable. They will hit the poor by raising the price of necessities and the rich by cutting imports. They will put a severe strain on labour relations, as demonstrations already indicate. They ought, however, to contribute towards restoring foreign confidence in Israel, curbing speculation, and slowing down the drain on foreign reserves.

What they will do to the political situation and to Israel's negotiating position is less easy to predict. It depends partly on how effective they are economically. They will not change Egypt's basic interest in a settlement and they are unlikely to lead directly to new Israeli concessions. Israelis can be toughest when their backs are to the wall, and the Government will not want to weaken its position at home by surrendering important points on which it has hitherto been firm.

But the psychological effects on everyone can hardly fail to be significant. Arabs will be encouraged to feel that their star is in the ascendant. Israelis, while perhaps temporarily braced, will be forced to take a bleaker look at their situation, at their dependence on foreign help, and at the absence of any sign of imminent relief.

lexandra Palace organ

om Mr Felix Aprahamian

r, Mr Ellis Hillman (November 7) rrectly assumes the public demand r organ recitals at the Alexandra lace to be conjectural. But this is t the point at issue. When the LCC cided to instal an organ in their yal Festival Hall, it was not imarily to establish organ recitals ere (although the popular "Wed- sdays at 5.55" series has now been urishing for more than 20 years), t to equip that concert room with essential adjunct to the choral d orchestral performances it was expected house; many scores, old and new, contain organ parts. While no one would be happier than I to hear Sunday afternoon organ recitals once again at the Palace, Mr Hillman must not be deluded into thinking that this is the sole reason for public insistence on the organ's restoration.

Public response to large-scale *musical activity promoted* experimentally at the AP during the past five years has amply proved the continued viability of the Great Hall as a concert room. With almost indecent haste Mr Hillman's political predecessors sold north London's memorial to Queen Alexandra to the first bidder. Just as the statue of King Charles I now standing in Whitehall was sold by the Regicides only to emerge unscathed at the Restoration, let us hope that "the finest concert organ in Europe" (Marcel Dupré), too, may soon be restored to its rightful place, in the Great Hall for which it was designed.

Yours faithfully,

FELIX APRAHAMIAN,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
November 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spanish proposals on Gibraltar

From the Leader of the Opposition in Gibraltar

Sir, The public exchange of letters between the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Sir Joshua Hassan (November 7 and October 14) and the Spanish Ambassador, Senor Fraga Iribarne (October 23) is of very special interest and concern to the people of Gibraltar. It is my party's view that the Chief Minister's disclosure in *The Times* of November 7 is the result as much of the Ambassador's public "challenge" as of pressure by my party in and out of the Gibraltar House of Assembly, culminating in our communiqué in Gibraltar last week in *which Sir Joshua was virtually told* either to make public if he had seen Senor Fraga or, if this was not the case, to make use of his right of reply in *The Times* in order to deny the imputation contained in Senor Fraga's first letter (October 23).

I should explain that in one form or another the issue of contacts between Gibraltar Ministers, ex-Ministers and prominent Gibraltarians with Spanish Government representatives and the "proposals", "counter-proposals", "new ideas" and "certain ideas" which it was suspected were being discussed, have been a fundamental issue in Gibraltar since before the general election of June 1972, an event which itself was not unconnected with the foregoing.

My party has consistently maintained that if the Spanish Government had any proposals to make these should be made public since it is enshrined in the preamble to our 1969 constitution that no steps would be taken to transfer the sovereignty of Gibraltar to another power against the wishes of the Gibraltarians.

As Leader of the Opposition I am by convention consulted by the Government in all matters of this kind. As early as the autumn of 1972, however, I had reason to protest to the Governor, and later in London to Sir Alec Douglas-Home, then Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, with whose knowledge the Chief Minister's meeting took place, that I had not been informed of the "certain ideas mentioned as being considered by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesman following Senor Lopez Bravo's visit to London earlier in that year. It is more than ironic that the people of Gibraltar should, after so much representation and enquiry by their elected representatives, discover the nature and import of these "certain ideas" from a public correspondence between their Chief Minister and the Spanish Ambassador.

It is pertinent to ask in these circumstances and after so many months what else transpired at this meeting in Brussels, which has been kept a secret for 20 months, which might conceivably affect the interests of our people. It is also pertinent to ask whether any other meetings have taken place and whether there have been any modifications of these proposals of the Spanish Government through the same or other channels.

We are glad that a detailed text of the proposals has now been made public in Gibraltar. In fact we are pressing here for their full publication because the folly of entrusting Spain with the sovereignty of Gibraltar, and with it the completely unworkable and unacceptable legal political and human consequences of such an act in a territory of two square miles, cannot fail to escape the notice of even that handful of Gibraltarians who imagined that an arrangement with Spain is possible with only nominal concessions on sovereignty.

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE XIBBERAS, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Integration With Britain Party,
The House of Assembly,
Gibraltar.

Soviet film on BBC

From the Director-General of the BBC

Sir, Mr Churchill seems to think (November 9) that our showing of the Russian film *Earth* was timed to coincide with the Soviet proceedings against Soviet Catholics and Baptists and was therefore a betrayal of the cause of human rights.

Now apart from the remarkable suggestion that BBC programmes, usually planned long in advance, should be arbitrarily rearranged to respond to the unpredictable activities of the Soviet authorities, Mr Churchill's letter takes no account of the circumstances in which the film was shown or the comment on it published. It appeared in the established series *World Cinema*, at a normal time and within its convention of showing notable foreign films. The *Radio Times* comment was the personal opinion of that noted cinéaste Philip Jenkinson, and was entirely concerned with cinematic virtues, and not at all with politics. Nothing here seems to me to be strange or wrong.

And Mr Churchill's suggestion that I test the attitudes of the Soviet authorities by seeking to arrange for *Panorama*, a programme on current events, to report on a question now 40 years old seems to me to warrant the use of an adjective now familiar to readers of *The Times*—simplistic. The "liquidation of the kulaks" is a more appropriate subject for an historical documentary like our programme "The Massacre at Katyn" —a subject which has also been preoccupying your readers of late —in which I hope Mr Churchill found some merit.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES CURRAN,
Director-General.
BBC,
Broadcasting House, W1.

Tied houses

From Mrs Theresa Hanak

Sir, Concerning the Labour Party's commitment to abolish the system of tied cottages: does this apply to No. 10 and Chequers?

Yours faithfully,

THERESA HANAK,
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Compton Avenue, N6.

Parliament and the Church

From the Bishop of Peterborough

Sir, Thank you for your judicious leading article today (November 9) on the Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure now before Parliament.

I voted for the Measure in General *Synod with the tiniest tilt of the* balance of ponderables in its favour. The next few years will see whether the General Synod can grow in gravity and in understanding what the doctrine of the Church of England is in essential matters. This is a risk which ought to be taken in spite of the relentless mediocrity of some liturgical renovators and their persistant, prosaic and purblind pedantry. So much can be lost, for instance, in the rewriting of a collect by the substitution of a colourless word for an allegedly archaic one, and by the omission of a balancing phrase, that by slight of hand doctrine can be diminished and spirituality reduced.

If the Measure means that all members of the Church of England take the chance to grow in responsibility and articulate appreciation of their heritage, they will, for generations to come, bring out of their treasure things new and old, to the inestimable benefit of the country at large in culture, morals and spiritual stature. If, as a result of the Measure, time and energy are going to be dissipated in ecclesiastical politics, and in for ever telling and hearing some new thing, then the future is deadly indeed. But in the hope that the Measure will be approved and common sense sanctified, I sign myself.

Yours faithfully,

✝ DOUGLAS PETRIBURG,
The Palace, Peterborough.

From Mrs Margaret Holford

Sir, As one of the people referred to by the Rt Rev C. Eastaugh in his letter (November 7) who feel themselves "unchurched" by the wide use of experimental services in the Church of England I would like to put two questions to the would be reformers.

Is there any evidence that the use *of these services* over the past eight years or so has produced any increase in the number of regular Church goers?

Secondly, although the Book of Common Prayer remains in force it has in many cases been pushed aside in favour of Series II or III and a sort of take it or leave it attitude adopted by those responsible for this action. By showing such "indifference to the spiritual needs of a great number of people" are not *these liturgical* enthusiasts being—in the name of religion—thoroughly selfish?

We strive for unity with other Christian Churches. Meanwhile we are splitting our own.

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET HOLFORD,
Asnwood, Manor Road,
Reigate, Surrey.

From Sir Harold Kent, QC

Sir, May I, as the lay holder of certain offices in the Church of England and an ex officio member of the House of Laity, say how much I agree with the Bishop of London's letter (November 11), which gives [illegible] accurate and completely fair account of the Worship and Doctrine Measure. I would like also to answer the two points raised by Mr Trefusis on the same date.

First he says that there has been no proper consultation of the laity *at large* and very *little* serious consideration of the matter below Diocesan Synod levels. I was the lay co-chairman of my own Deanery Synod in the Diocese of Gloucester and we had a real discussion of the Measure on two occasions. The first was concerned with the safeguarding of the Book of Common Prayer, and we voted unanimously that it should be safeguarded, and this has been amply secured by the Measure. On the second occasion *we considered whether the Measure* as a whole should be proceeded with, and decided that it should, subject to the safeguards for the Prayer Book. Our resolutions were conveyed to the Diocesan Synod, with those of other Deaneries, and no doubt had an influence on the decision of the Diocesan Synod in favour of the Measure. This is how synodical government works, and the lines of communication between the parishes, deaneries and dioceses are open and effective for those who wish to use them.

Secondly, he states that the General Synod's House of Laity is elected by 36,000 electors out of 1,879,000 persons entered on parish rolls. He does not point out that those 36,000 electors are the members of Deanery Synods who are themselves elected by the annual parish meetings. Actually this electorate is twice as large as the old electorate of the House of Laity of the Church Assembly, and is much nearer the grass roots. It is simply not true to say that the present *House of Laity is unrepresentative* of the general body of churchgoers, or that the decisions of the General Synod are not taken democratically. My own belief is that the overwhelming decision of the General Synod in finally approving the Measure faithfully reflects the views of the Church.

May I say in conclusion how much I welcomed *The Times* leader of November 9 which set out so well the issues arising on this occasion "*of some moment in* the history of the Church in England".

Yours faithfully,

HAROLD KENT, Dean of the Arches and Vicar General of the Province of Canterbury,
36 Whitehall, SW1.

From The Rev Canon P. B. Hinchliff

Sir, Bishop Eastaugh's letter (November 7) about Church and Parliament is, when carefully analysed, a very disturbing one. He is really saying that the synodical structure of the Church of England is not to be trusted, in spite of the fact that it is the method by which the Church has chosen to be governed—and, incidentally, which it *has* chosen by means of the very establishment procedures which the bishop hopes will be preserved.

It is, of course, possible to criticize the manner in which synods are elected, the way in which they behave, and the type of electorate which chooses them. That kind of criticism can be made of any form of government, secular or ecclesiastical. It is also always possible to wish that silent majorities would cease to be silent.

What is disturbing is to argue, after the voters have voted and those who can't be bothered have not voted, that the result is not to be trusted and that someone else must take the responsibility of protecting the institution from itself. What the bishop is saying *is* analogous to a hypothetical argument that because the British Parliament does not always accurately reflect the precise views of the British people in accurate proportions, it would be better to hand over ultimate sovereignty to the United Nations or the EEC. He is saying, in effect, that the Church of England is incapable of governing itself: someone else must protect it from its own incompetence. This is the same argument we always hear about the appointment of bishops.

We are told that we shall have better bishops if the Prime Minister chooses them, than if we choose them ourselves. We are to be protected from our own possible mistakes. This is a frightening argument when used in the political field and it is the argument which has always been used to justify dictatorship. When it is used of the Church it is, in view of the theological claims made for itself by the Church, far more than frightening. It is symptomatic of a resolute refusal to accept the maturity and responsibility which is part of the Church's nature.

The Church of England is, with the exception of some Lutheran Churches, almost the only Church in Christendom which refuses to take the responsibility for its own mistakes by hiding behind establishment. Until we recognize the fact *that we, as a Church, are a body* of sinners as well as the Body of Christ and until we learn to live with, correct and triumph over our own mistakes, we shall remain an immature and ineffective body.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HINCHLIFF,
Balliol College, Oxford.

Wearing of seat belts

From Mr Christopher Coope

Sir, Lord Porritt's letter (November 9) (in favour of compulsory seat belts) is an encouragement to look at this issue in an oversimple way. It is not just a matter, as he supposes, of weighing human lives against a small loss of personal freedom. Those who are against compulsion may be as anxious as he is to reduce road casualties. And, like everyone else, they are willing to accept many restrictions on their liberty in the general good. However, they do not wish to see people compelled by the police to eat unsaturated fats, take daily exercise, stop smoking, fit lightning conductors and soon, all of which I gather would save many lives.

I would like to raise two considerations that ought to be before the minds of our Members of Parliament in the coming vote. First of all: there is an idea current that if one does not prevent somebody *doing something* one is "responsible" for what he does: and in particular, that a Minister of Transport who does not take some measures that would prevent road deaths must be ("in part"—if you like) *responsible for them*. And of course, a Minister of Sport who does not do what he can to prevent rock climbing must have the many and horrible injuries that result on his conscience. This wide notion of responsibility, absurd though it is, confuses many good people.

Secondly, it is sometimes said that compulsion in this matter has become "acceptable to the public". But this is just the sort of case where the wishes, or acquiesence, of the majority should not be respected. What the minority want to do cannot, by and large, be said to harm the rest of us. Nor are they for the most part of immature years, or otherwise incapable of making, or acting on, considered judgment.

Though I wear a belt for even the shortest drive, I would hate to see others persecuted by the police in my name for failing to take good care of themselves.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER COOPE,
Park House, Leathley,
Nr Otley, Yorkshire.

South Kensington sites

From Mr Alan Ross

Sir, Piccadilly Circus is not the only area where "anything"—and is the right answer so much more *difficult* to arrive at than the wrong one?—would be better than nothing. In South Kensington, for the re-building of the underground station—where a huge sum of money has been spent with scarcely any functional or visual improvement—one side of Pelham Street was demolished.

Now, it seems, there are no plans for its development, so presumably hoardings and an increasing atmosphere *of* dereliction *will* be *the* accompaniment for the next decade to a half-finished and shabby station. The old National Theatre site in Thurloe Place opposite the V & A has already languished behind hoardings for over 30 years now. Does nobody want these sites, and, if not, can we have trees and gardens (even wild ones) instead of advertisements in the meantime?

Yours faithfully,

ALAN ROSS,
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Missing from All Souls

From Miss Jan Morris

Sir, If the Fellows of All Souls haven't missed their thirteenth-century hanap lid since they last checked in 1972, may I suggest that when they get it back they deposit it somewhere where it may be less intermittently noticed—or even *enjoyed?*

JAN MORRIS,
9 Marlborough Buildings,
Bath, Somerset.

The Health Service and private beds

From Sir Francis Avery Jones

Sir, British consultants and scientists have built up a high reputation for integrity and professional medical skills overseas and particularly in the Middle East. They have been much in demand as lecturers, examiners and consultants.

Again, Great Britain and particularly London, has become the leading world centre for medical postgraduate education and in the year ending July 31, 1973, 2,922 postgraduate doctors from 102 medical centres overseas enrolled for special training at the London postgraduate specialist institutes. *Consequently*, many overseas patients, business men, politicians and members of the ruling families, come to Great Britain for medical treatment and many also bring big export orders to this country.

The existing private hospitals provide admirable facilities for many of them, but there is an appreciable number who need the highly specialized team work which has been built up in our main hospitals and whose names are well-known *throughout the world*. With the proposed withdrawal of private bed facilities in NHS hospitals can some arrangement be made to enable such patients to continue to come to specialist British centres, paying full cost and contributing to research funds?

Such patients have the alternative of going to other European cities or to the United States. As a nation having to buy much of its food and raw materials from overseas, are we really in a strong enough financial position to encourage such visitors to take their medical problems and export orders elsewhere?

The alternative that we build more private hospitals increases the risk of two standards of medical professional care developing in Great Britain as has happened elsewhere. Many doctors like myself who have travelled overseas have seen the superb private hospitals providing a very expensive top-class service absorbing many of the best brains of the profession. We have also seen the terribly depressing city hospitals which may be found, for example, in the United States.

Thanks to the foresight of Aneurin Bevan this is a fate which we have so far escaped. It could still happen here. The NHS is the finest development in social history in this century since the introduction of the old age pension. Our politicians have the responsibility of safeguarding this splendid *national* asset.

Yours faithfully,

F. AVERY JONES,
As from St Mark's Hospital,
City Road, EC1.

Turner at the Academy

From the President of the Royal Academy

Sir, Thanks to the generosity of lenders the forthcoming Turner exhibition, organized by the Tate Gallery in conjunction with the Royal Academy, will be on a scale never attempted before. Some of the loans have come from far afield, while others (especially cleaned for this occasion) will be on view for the first time.

There has been critical comment in your columns of the National Gallery's decision not to lend five paintings to which Turner himself attached particular importance, and it is said that they cannot be included in the exhibition. However, over 600 paintings are being assembled and, despite the natural disappointment that "The Fighting Temeraire", "The Evening Star", and "Rain, Steam and Speed" will not be among them, the exhibition will go a long way to represent that "rounded view" of Turner's genius which the committee has certainly been at pains to achieve.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. MONNINGTON, President,
Royal Academy of Arts,
Piccadilly, W1.

Mr Paul Foot's costs

From Lord Goodman

Sir, At a Law Society Conference at Harrogate a fortnight ago I referred to the costs which would be payable by Mr Paul Foot in connexion with the contempt proceedings.

Although I made it clear at the conference that my information derived from newspaper reports, nevertheless I am informed that the estimated figure of £7,000 is excessive and that—happily—the costs will tax for a more moderate figure. I think it right to place this fact on record.

Yours faithfully,

GOODMAN,
4 Little Essex Street,
Strand, WC2.

Wulfrunian ways

From Dr Percy M. Young

Sir, Arthur Osman's comment, in respect of the Milhench case (November 9), that self-made men endowed with an excess of sexual energy and with a predilection for waterbeds (whatever they may be) are "mostly admired" in Wolverhampton is a calumny not to be allowed free passage.

We Wulfrunians have had to put up with much in recent years; the casual sneer, of the Osman order, we find unappealing. There are "self-made" Wulfrunians of many centuries on our roll who by their exertions and imagination have served well both town and country. These are they who are "mostly admired" by us.

Yours faithfully,

PERCY M. YOUNG,
Borough Councillor,
72 Clark Road,
Wolverhampton.

A simplistic question

From Dr F. D. Luke

Sir, "Simplistic" simply means being unable to distinguish between simple and simplistic.

Yours, etc,

F. D. LUKE,
Christ Church,
Oxford.

Law Report November 11 1974 Queen's Bench Division

No right to picket in road outside house agents

Hubbard and Others v Pitt and Others

Before Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered November 8]

Picketing on the highway outside an estate agents' office by a tenants' action group in order to bring their grievances to public notice was not a use of the highway in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute within the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, and as such activity was not fleeting and so illegal under the common law, it was an unlawful operation.

His Lordship so held when *granting an interlocutory injunction* to the plaintiffs, Mr Ronald Frederick Hubbard and two others (practising as Prebble & Co) in their action against Mr James Bousfield Pitt and eight other defendants.

By the terms of the injunction the defendants undertook not to beset the plaintiffs' premises in Upper Street, Islington, in Camden and in Tottenham, or otherwise from molesting the *plaintiffs*, their servants, clients or any tenants of such clients, or any other person transacting or seeking to transact business with the plaintiffs at their premises, or to commit any nuisance against the plaintiffs' premises or wrongfully interfere with the plaintiffs' contractual relations with their clients or any other *persons, or to aid or abet others* to do such acts until after the hearing of the action.

Mr A. T. Hoolahan, QC, and Mr Richard Rampton for Prebbles; Lord Gifford for some of the defendants.

MR JUSTICE FORBES who gave judgment in open court, after a hearing in chambers, because of the public importance of the matter, said that many houses in Islington were terraced houses built in Victorian days as family homes. Over the years, as Islington became less fashionable, many of the houses were sub-divided into smaller units let at low rents. The tenants were from the low income group. More recently, however, Islington had returned to fashion. The houses had been converted back to single homes.

Restored and renovated, they had been sold to people who could afford such properties. It was an "improving area". In addition, older properties were demolished and replaced by modern blocks of offices and flats. The effect was a drastic reduction in the stock of dwelling houses available for low rent letting.

The high prices of renovated homes sold with vacant possession was a powerful incentive to landlords of tenanted property to obtain possession from their tenants, many of whom had some statutory security. Some practices designed to obtain possession from tenants, such as harassment, were illegal. But landlords could put pressure on tenants by other, not illegal, ways. Some regarded such practices, though legal, as morally unjustifiable.

The defendants were among a group known as "the Islington Tenants' Campaign", who were concerned at the social problems caused by redevelopment. They felt deeply about the activities of property developers and considered that estate agents who assisted the developers were acting indefensibly.

Prebbles were *prominent* in the area. The group accordingly decided to picket their offices. On three consecutive days in March some of the group attended on the public footway *in* front of their offices in Upper Street, holding placards and distributing *leaflets*. Both placards and leaflets referred to Prebbles in opprobrious terms. *Subsequent pickets carrying similar placards and* leaflets had attended on every Saturday.

Prebbles started an action against the defendants, inter alia, for conspiracy and *nuisance*, maintaining that the picket was the result of a conspiracy. The unlawful act complained of was standing on the highway in front of their premises with placards, which they claimed was an unlawful user of the highway.

The claim in nuisance also involved unlawful user of the highway, but Prebbles accepted that they had to prove in the ordinary way that they as occupiers of premises adjoining the highway suffered greater damage than the generality of the Queen's subjects.

Prebbles asked for an *interim* injunction to *restrain* the defendants from continuing the picket.

His Lordship said that the vital characteristic of a highway was that it was land dedicated for use by the public for passage to and fro. He reviewed the authorities on the nature of the right in a highway and on what conduct in relation to a highway constituted a common law or public nuisance. In his Lordship's view the true position was *that* whether passing or repassing or exercising reasonable extensions to those rights, the user had to be ordinarily and reasonably incidental to the exercise of a right of passage, otherwise it became a trespass and therefore unlawful.

The tired pedestrian or the *motorist* with the *breakdown* could rest but only for a reasonable while.

One could therefore define the right of the public to use a highway as a right to use it reasonably for passage and repassage and for any other *purpose* reasonably incidental thereto. It was settled law that a use of the highway which went beyond those public rights was a trespass unless such use was covered specially by dedication or statutory authority.

As to conduct on the highway, it was not sufficient to say that the public could easily get by the obstruction, as Lord Gifford claimed.

The law, however, was that the public had a right of way to go *on every part of the highway, and* any act which made it less commodious was a public nuisance unless it could be said to be so fleeting and so inappreciable as to fall within the de minimis rule.

Lord Gifford submitted that the defendants' conduct was part of an inalienable right of anyone in a democratic society who felt deeply enough about a subject or disapproved strongly enough of someone's behaviour that he was entitled to picket any place, whether public or private, in order to express those feelings and to draw attention towards a matter of substantial public interest and concern. In support he relied on an analogy with the principles of freedom of speech, and on a comparison of the defendants' actions with those who on occasion picketed the Houses of Parliament or 10 Downing Street or the Soviet Embassy, or those who by way of demonstration marched through the streets before holding a public meeting outside the premises of some organization or power which had attracted particular approbation or disfavour. Those, he said, were manifestations of that democratic right which he postulated and the fact that they were permitted indicated that they were lawful.

There was no such thing in law as unfettered freedom of speech. One's right to say what one liked was circumscribed by, for instance, the laws relating to sedition, contempt of court, obscenity and defamation.

Similarly one's right to be on the highway was subject to the law relating to highways. Whereas a passage of years might make a difference in the utterances which were regarded as obscene, defamatory, contemptuous or even seditious, no such alteration was possible in the law of highways.

A distinction had to be made between a march or a procession and an assembly on the highway in front of some premises. The law appeared to be that it did not amount to a common law nuisance to march or conduct a procession through the streets of a town so long, presumably, as the procession allowed other people reasonable room for passage *and* behaved in a non-violent and sensible manner.

There was no law permitting public meetings to be held on the highway. The right of public meet*ing or assembly had not been in* doubt. There was a democratic right to public assembly and any attempt to suppress the meeting together of members of the public merely because it was a public meeting would rightly be regarded as tyrannical. But that did not give a right to assemble in public anywhere the conveners of a public meeting chose, and in particular it did not give a right to assemble on the highway.

The stationing of pickets on the highway was not a legal exercise of the right of passage and, if it rendered the highway *less* commodious, it was a public nuisance.

Most of the demonstrations and assemblies to which Lord Gifford had referred were politi*cal in origin and had as targets* premises occupied by persons in the political field. It might well be therefore that the occupiers of 10 Downing Street and the Soviet Embassy (two examples given by Lord Gifford) regarded it as politically inexpedient to take action even though it might be shown that great damage was suffered by such occupiers.

Similarly any Attorney General, asked for his fiat before the start of proceedings for common law nuisance because some political meeting was held on the highway, might well regard it as a wholly unnecessary suppression of popular expression to do anything about it.

It was quite wrong to argue that a disinclination by those operating in the political field to set proceedings *in* motion to restrain political conduct of a particular kind meant that such conduct became clothed with a legality which it would not possess in a non-political context.

It was not the law that the democratic right of political expression was sufficient warrant for the performance of acts which, in the absence of any political content, would plainly be illegal.

Where a private individual did not feel himself bound by political considerations, but on the other hand took the view that he had suffered damage and wished to prevent a use of the highway for a purpose for which it had not been dedicated and which amounted to common law nuisance, the courts could and should intervene.

A man's right to enjoy his property which abutted on the *highway and to have access to that* property both for himself and his invitee was a right which he was fully entitled to the support of the courts if and when the courts were asked to support it.

There was no such right to picket as Lord Gifford argued for.

At common law the use of the highway for picketing was illegal as it was a use not responsive to the purpose for which the highway was dedicated. It was therefore at least a trespass. It might also be a nuisance. That was always a question of fact, and what was or was not a reasonable user of the highway would be determined by reference to the purpose for which the highway was dedicated.

As picketing was a use of the *highway wholly unconnected with* the purposes of dedication and was, in fact, designed to interfere with the rights of an adjoining owner *to have unimpeded access* from the highway, it was likely to be found to be an unreasonable user unless it was so fleeting and so insubstantial that it could be ignored under the de minimis rule.

By statute, picketing on the highway was legal so long as it was in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute and satisfied the provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974. The defendants were clearly not acting in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute and their picketing could not be ignored as de minimis. Their activities in picketing *Prebbles' offices was itself* unlawful as an unreasonable use of the highway and their agreement to do so amounted to an unlawful conspiracy.

Solicitors: *Basil Greenby & Co*; Clinton Davis & Co; Seifert, Sedley & Co.

Families outside restrictions on lodgers

Wolkind v Ali

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Shaw

[Judgments delivered November 4]

An occupier of premises who had previously let them as lodgings and who had received a notice under section 90 of the Housing Act, 1957, limiting the number of persons allowed to sleep in each room, was held not guilty of a breach of the notice when the number of persons sleeping on the premises exceeded the permitted number but were members of his own family.

The Divisional Court, the Lord Chief Justice dissenting, dismissed an appeal by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets from a decision of the Inner London Crown Court (Mr Rodney Bax, QC, and justices) allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Nimar Ali, from a decision of Thames justices that he was guilty on two informations alleging that he had unlawfully caused two rooms of his house to be occupied as sleeping accommodation otherwise than in accordance with a notice under section 90.

Section 90 provides: "(1) If it appears to a local authority, in the case of a house, or of part of such a house, which is let in lodgings . . . that excessive numbers of persons are being accommodated on the premises . . . the local authority may *serve* on the occupier . . . a notice (a) stating . . . what is in the authority's *opinion* the maximum number of persons by whom it is suitable to be occupied as *sleeping* accommodation at any one time. . . . (4) Any person who has been served with a notice under this section shall be guilty of an offence if, after the notice has become operative, (a) he causes or knowingly permits any room to which the notice relates to be occupied as sleeping accommodation otherwise than in accordance with the notice."

Mr John Blair-Gould for the local authority; Miss Adele Williams for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE BRIDGE said that in 1967 the defendant was the occupier of the ground and basement floors of premises at New Road, Whitechapel, and was using the premises as a lodging house. There were two rooms on the ground floor and two in the basement. On June 9, 1967, the local authority served on *him* a notice to limit to two the number of persons permitted to sleep in either ground floor room and to prohibit the use of the basement for sleeping.

The premises were used as a lodging house until February, 1973, when the defendant's family came from Bangladesh. At the date referred to in the information the front room on the ground floor was used for sleeping by the defendant's four sons and the back room by the defendant, his wife and daughter.

The prosecution proceeded on the footing that that was a contravention of the notice served under section 90 and an offence under section 90(4). It was right to mention that the provisions of section 90 had been amended *by* the Housing Act, 1969, but the amendment was not relevant for the purposes of the appeal.

Read literally the language of section 90(4) led to the conclusion *that the defendant, by permitting* his family to occupy the *premises*, was knowingly permitting the rooms to be used contrary to the notice. That was the basis of his conviction by the magistrates. The Crown Court had taken the opposite view, looking at the effect of section 90 in its context.

The section was in Part IV of the Act which was concerned with overcrowding. Sections 76-89 were all concerned with control of overcrowding in *single* family dwelling houses. The permitted number of persons was defined by the statute. His Lordship considered that the Crown Court must have thought, when comparing the statutory code in those sections for controlling overcrowding in single dwelling units with the different code for lodging houses in section 90, that the two were mutually exclusive. Under section 77 [which defined overcrowding in houses other than lodgings] what determined the point at which a house became overcrowded was a precise matter laid down by statute, whereas under section 90 it was within the discretion of the local authority.

If the local authority's argument was right it would lead to a remarkable situation where notice served on an occupier of premises when in use as a lodging house would continue to apply to restrict the number of persons occupying the premises when no longer used as a lodging house. A man *living in an ordinary semi-detached* house could lodge his whole family while another man with the identical house and family could not, because at a date in the past he had used his premises as lodg*ings and had received* a section 90 notice.

That was such an absurd situation that his Lordship would not conclude that that was the result intended by the legislature unless the language of the Act compelled him to. One must look at subsection 4 in the context of the legislation and his Lordship would limit the subsection so that an offence was committed only as long as the house continued to be used as a house of a kind referred to in section 90.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Mr Justice Shaw agreed.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, dissenting, said that he took the opposite view. Section 90 (1) detailed the precise circumstances in which a notice should be served. Those had been satisfied and accordingly there was no further necessity to look at section 90. His Lordship appreciated the anomaly created but did not feel that Parliament had considered that or, that if it had, it woul have taken a different view.

The legislation was of a kin often unenforceable unless it wa in clear terms. A local authorit could withdraw a notice unde section 90 (6) and his Lordshi would like to see an amendmen to the law requiring withdrawa of the notice when the initia circumstances justifying the notic no longer applied.

His Lordship would hav *allowed the appeal, but in fact th* appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Edward Fail, Bradshaw & Waterson; Gersten Co.

Agricultural tenancy case for House of Lords

Wykes and Others v Davis and Another

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Browne and Mr Justice MacKenna

[Judgments delivered November 8]

A single notice to remedy a number of breaches of an agricultural tenancy was invalid because the specified period was not a reasonable one in which to remedy all of the *specified* breaches, although it was a reasonable period to remedy some of the breaches.

The Court of Appeal in so deciding allowed an appeal by the tenant *Mr Eric Albert John Davis*, against the judgment of Judge Pratt at Barnstaple, on a case stated by an arbitrator that on a true construction of section 24(2)(d) of the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, and section 19(1) of the Agricultural (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1963, the notice to remedy served on him by the landlord, Mr Norman Gordon Wykes was valid.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Mr Alan Fletcher for the tenant; *Mr Dereck Wood for the landlord*.

LORD JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that Mr and Mrs Davis were yearly tenants of two farms in Devon, comprising some 500 acres under an agreement of *May 29, 1969*, the year of the tenancy ending on September 29.

On January 26, 1973, the landlord gave the tenants notice under section 19(1)(a) of the 1963 Act requiring them to remedy within seven months three groups of breaches: (1) nine separate hedges *or banks*; (2) *dilapidations* to five fields; (3) dilapidations to gates in nine fields.

By *August* 26, 1973, the tenants had completed all the work except *that they had not repaired all the* "growth banks" and not fully cleared one field of couch.

The arbitrator had found that seven months was not a reasonable time to repair all the *growth* banks, but was a reasonable time to eradicate the couch.

For the tenants it was contended that the notice to remedy was wholly invalid because seven months was not a reasonable period in which to carry out all the work required by it. The landlords contended it was valid to the extent of all the works with the exception of repairing the growth banks.

The tenants relied by analogy on decisions under section 14 of *the Conveyancing Act, 1881*, now superseded by section 146 of the Law of Property Act, 1925, contending that those sections were similar to section 24(2)(d) of the 1948 Act as originally enacted. If a landlord had served *a* notice under that section requiring works to be done within a reasonable time without specifying any particular period a reasonable time would not have been held to have elapsed until a sufficient period had expired to allow completion of all the works. The landlord must determine what period he thought would be sufficient to enable the tenant to complete all those works. The 1963 amendment was not *intended drastically to benefit the* landlord.

The landlords argued that if the tenants were right in certain circumstances they would be unable to recover possession until some 42 months after the *original* notice to remedy, taking into consideration the provision of the Agriculture (Notices to Remedy and Notices to Quit) Order, 1964, article 5(3), and section 19(1)(b) of the 1963 Act. They said that the notice could be severed so that the bad did not infect the good, and that the tenant should not be allowed to remain *in* default in respect of obligations in relation to which a good *notice* had been served. They also contended that "any breach" in section 24(2)(d) *should* be *construed distributively* so that a notice to quit could be served if the tenant defaulted in respect of any one breach.

His Lordship *said* "any breach" must be read as equivalent to "any breach or breaches". The use of the word "any" merely signifie that the landlord might selec what breach or breaches h chose. If more than *one* breach wa required to be remedied the perio must be such as would reasonabl allow time to remedy all the specified breaches. Thus a notice com prising a *number* of breaches woul not be such a notice unless allowed a *reasonable* period withi *which to remedy all of them*.

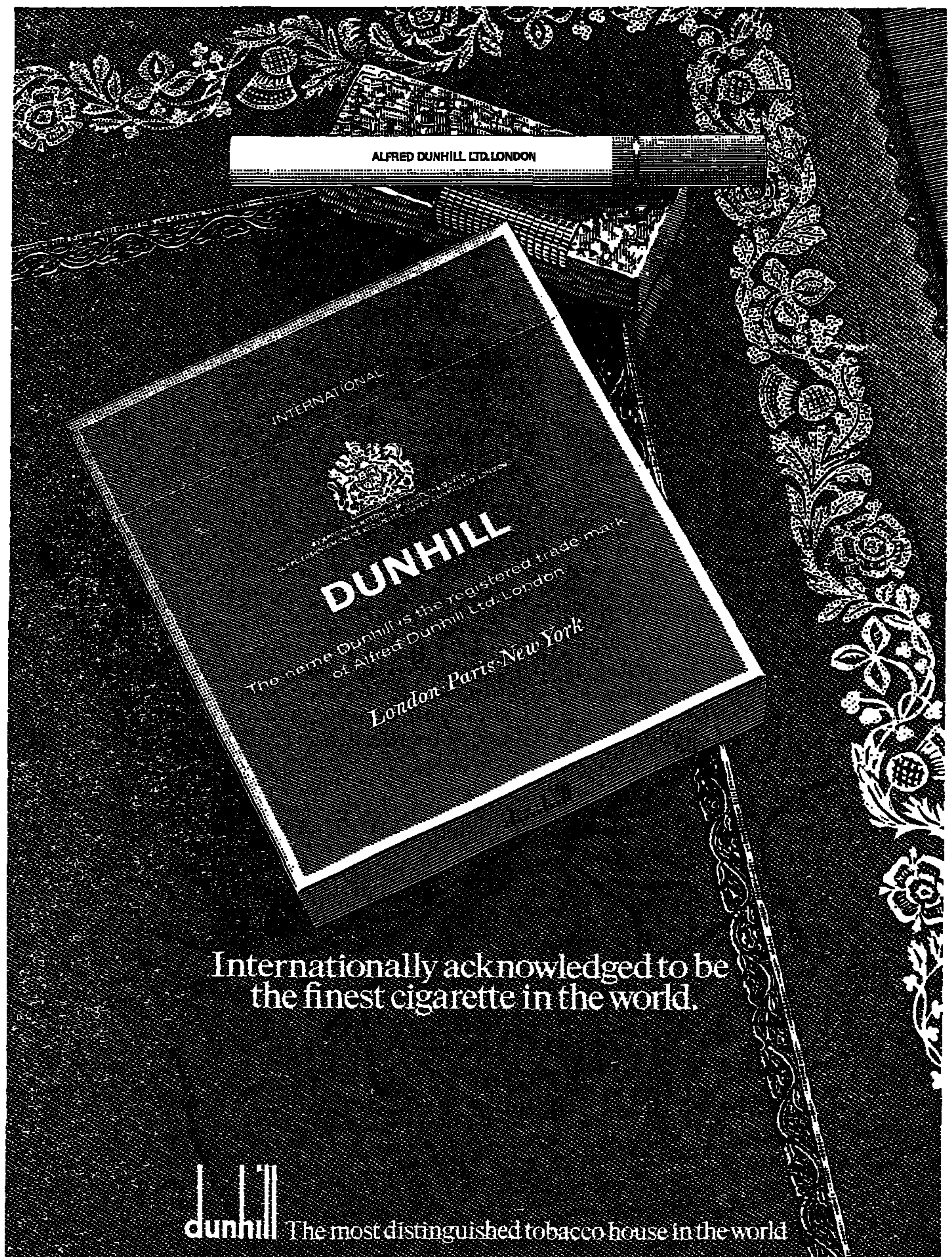
The cases of *Pannell v City London Brewery Co* ([1900] 1 C 496) and *Fox v Jolly* ([1916] 1 A 1) were not of assistance.

Section 14(1) of the 1881 Ac was capable of operating as separate notice in respect of eac of the breaches, but that was n the case under section 24(2)(of the 1948 Act.

It could be inferred from th Court of Appeal judgments i *Shepherd v Lomas* ([1963] 1 WL 952) that if their Lordships ha not interpreted the finding in th way in which they did they woul have held a similar notice to th present to be bad and wholly i effective. His Lordship considere *that Shepherd v Lomas was bin*ing on the present case and woul allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Browne and M Justice MacKenna delivered co curring judgments.

Solicitors: Parker, Garrett Co; Freshfields.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and Duchess of Kent will e Variety Club of Great rt Auction Dinner at the el on November 25.

Mrs Nicholas Cavendish h to a son and heir in Australia, on November

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iral Sir Geoffrey Barnard, ior-General Sir Gerald : Sir Stanley Harley, 69 ; Havers, QC, 85 ; General Jolly, 64 ; Sir Charles 69 ; Mr Ben Travers, 88.

Mayor's Banquet

i Mayor, Alderman Sir ox, accompanied by the yoress and the Sheriffs d the outgoing Lord Alderman Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner at a n Guildhall last night. In to the Lord Mayor and Wontner the speakers Archbishop of Canter- Lord Chancellor and the inister. Among others were :

President and Mrs Short. r, the Ambassador for Den- Mme Kristiansen, the Ambas- Saudi Arabia and Mme Al- the High Commissioner for d Mrs Ashiotis, the Ambassa- ungary and Mme Hazi, the r for Thailand and Khunying mhamongkon, the High Com- for Nigeria, the Ambassador ia and Mme Platzer, the r for China and Mme Chang mbassador for Sweden and il, the Ambassador for the of South Africa and Mrs de Ambassador for Belgium, the missioner for Australia and trong, the Chargé d'Affaires ay and Senor Jauregui, the gh Commissioner for India atwar-Singh, the Lord Cham- d Lady Maclean, the Bishop and Mrs Ellison, the Lord tice and Lady Widgery, the the Rolls and Lady Denning, f the Royal Air Force Lord Elworthy, the chief of the taff, the Chief of the Air Staff Humphrey, the chairman of er London Council and Mrs ord Mayor and Lady Mayoress nster, the Mayor and Mayoress nton and Chelsea, representa- Parliament, the Civil Service, commercial and industrial is and state boards and the sters of livery companies, past vors, personal guests, Alder- mmon Councilmen and officers rporation of London and their

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offrey and Mrs Bridgeman c and Lady Douglas-Home d a memorial service for n Geoffrey and Mrs Bridge- held yesterday at Christ , Lancaster Gate. The Dean lford officiated and gave an and was assisted by the nger Symon. Mr Robin an (son) read the lesson. thers present were :

rs James Bayley and Mr and m Montgomery (sons-in-law ters), Mrs Robin Bridgeman in-law), Viscount and Vis- Bridgeman, the Hon Sir and Lady Bridgeman, Mr lbot, QC, Miss Clare Asquith, Nicolas and the Hon Mrs r and the Hon Mrs Jeremy r Jeremiah Harman, QC, and in, Mr and Mrs Peter Baring, Mrs Martin Drury, Mr and ay, Dr and Mrs Robert Boyd, s Talbot, Miss M. Stacey, Mrs David Foster, Miss Sarah Mr Neville Ford, Miss May

wager Countess of Limerick, ady Stephenson, the Hon Mrs Coke, the Hon Richard and ton, Lady Jaffray, Sir Shuld- m, Sir Edward Ford, Mrs R. Mr Hugh Ryder, Mr and Mrs ton, Mr H. Grenfell, Miss V. Mr and Mrs Hubert Hartley, Mrs R. Talbot, Lieutenant- y David Seth-Smith.

Mrs T. Keith Lyle, Mr M. khart (Peake and Co), Mr ning (also representing chair- niversity Life Assurance Mr T. Derek Crosthwaite d Crosthwaite), Lieutenant- l. H. M. Cartwright (also ig Eton Ramblers).

Society Medals

owing awards are to be l at the anniversary meet- the Royal Society on r 30.

Medal: Sir William Hodge, professor of astronomy and Cambridge University, for work in algebraic geometry, n his theory of harmonic

Medal: Sir Alan Cottrell, Jesus College, Cambridge, butions to physical metallurgy, r in extending knowledge of of dislocation in the fracture

dal: Professor J. Baddiley, of organic chemistry, New- n Tyne Univ, for researches me A and studies of the con- of bacterial cell walls. Medal: Professor P. M. professor of genetics, Liver- ersity, for outstanding work il populations of butterflies. edal: Professor P. H. Fowler, ociety Research Professor, University, for contributions ray and elementary particle

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A. Densham was elected of the Society of Merchant rs of Bristol at the annual day meeting held yester- r Richard Hill and Mr . Eberle were elected and Junior Wardens and k Whitwill First Assistant.

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The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the Earl and Countess of Jersey, of Radier Manor, Longueville, Jersey, Channel Islands, and Brigitte, stepdaughter and daughter of M and Mme Jean-Louis Charmolüe, of Château Montrose, St Estèphe, France.

Mr J. Edwards and Miss A. A. Arpels

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Dr J. Edwards, CBE, of 5 Chester Close, London, SW1, and Mrs H. R. Edelmann, of Zurich, Switzerland, and Annemarie, daughter of Mr C. Arpels, of Paris, France, and Mrs E. Hausner, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, United States.

Mr M. R. Fawcus and Miss C. A. Blair

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Fawcus, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Cynthia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Blair, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr D. P. Gadd and Miss D. G. Mayes

The engagement is announced between David Percy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Percy Gadd, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, and Daphne Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Stanley Mayes, of Chiswick, London.

Mr C. Matthews and Miss C. Gowlett

The engagement is announced between Clive, elder son of the late Mr W. J. H. Matthews and Mrs Matthews, of Pleshey Grange, Essex, and Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. C. Gowlett, of Hobs Aerie, Arkesden, Essex.

Mr T. G. T. Rose Price and Miss L. A. K. Rasch

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Rose Price, DSO, OBE, and the Hon Mrs Rose Price, of Tetworth Hall, Ascot, Berkshire, and Leila, daughter of Major Sir Richard Rasch, Bt, of Woodhill House, Danbury, Essex, and La Marchesa Sersale, of Via dei Leutari 23, Rome.

Mr H. H. Learnard and Miss M. J. Fells

The engagement is announced between Henry Heath, son of Mr and Mrs Edward H. Learnard, of Newton, Massachusetts, United States, and Margaret Jean, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Roy R. Fells, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr N. M. Smyth and Miss C. C. E. Butcher

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mrs J. W. Smyth and the late Major D. M. Smyth, of 9 Kensington Court, W8, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Butcher, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr S. P. Tornow and Miss A. S. Woody

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs D. Tornow, of Glasgow, and Sharon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Woody, of Berwyn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States.

Major D. Verschoyle and Miss D. D. A. Cran

The engagement is announced between Major Dominic Verschoyle, RE, son of Mr and Mrs P. D. Verschoyle, of Rogate, Petersfield, and Auriol, daughter of the late Mr W. B. G. Cran and of Mrs D. R. Cran, of Graham Terrace, London, SW1 and Lower Dunsforth, York.

Mr S. J. A. Webb and Miss C. C. Foottit

The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander W. F. B. Webb, DSC, RN, retired, and Mrs Webb, of Caulin Court, Ladywood, Droitwich, Worcestershire, and Catherine, daughter of Major and Mrs Ian Foottit, of Barton House, Lockinge, Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Marriage

Mr G. P. C. McWilliam and Miss B. C. Ford

The marriage took place in London on Thursday, November 7, between Mr Graeme McWilliam, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian McWilliam, of Ravenglass, Cumberland, and Miss Belinda Ford, youngest daughter of Sir Henry and Lady Ford, of Gullane, East Lothian.

Lincoln's Inn

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone has been elected Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn for 1975.

Church news

Latest appointments

The Rev E. Bramhall, assistant master, Wallasey, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Aughton, diocese of Liverpool.

The Rev M. H. Fisher, Vicar of Newlyn, diocese of Truro, to be priest in charge of St Stephen with St Thomas's, Launceston, same diocese.

The Rev D. M. P. Giles, curate of Leatherhead, diocese of Guildford, to be Vicar of Meopham, diocese of Rochester.

The Rev N. W. Hill, Vicar of Rickmansworth, diocese of St Albans, to be Rector of Northill, Biggleswade, same diocese.

The Rev. E. E. S. Jones, Vicar of All Saints', Farnworth, diocese of Manchester, to be curate in charge of Bempton, diocese of York.

The Rev B. J. Lloyd, Vicar of St George's, East Ham, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also Assistant Rural Dean of Newham, same diocese.

The Rev E. F. Manley-Harris, Chaplain, RN, to be assistant priest of St James's Cathedral, Townsville, North Queensland, Australia.

The Rev M. R. Miles, Chaplain at Nottingham University, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Northampton, diocese of Peterborough.

The Rev E. J. Porteous, Rector of St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, diocese of Southwark, to be also Sub Dean of Woolwich.

The Rev C. C. Perry, Vicar of Preston, with Sutton Poyntz, diocese of Salisbury, to be also Rural Dean of Weymouth, same diocese.

The Rev M. J. Smout, curate of St Saviour with St Cuthbert's, Everton, diocese of Liverpool, to be Vicar.

The Rev D. M. Tinsley, priest-in-charge of Akeley with Leckhampstead, Maids Moreton with Foscott, Lillingstone Dayrell with Lovell, diocese of Oxford, to be Rector of the new benefice of North Buckingham.

The Rev P. S. White, assistant *Chaplain, Mersey Mission to Seamen*, to be Vicar of Jurby, with responsibilities to the Chapel of St Jude, diocese of Sodor and Man.

Diocese of Norwich

The Rev P. Cheesman, curate of Christ Church, Herne Bay, diocese of Canterbury, to be team Vicar, *Lowestoft* group of parishes.

The Rev I. K. Hamel-Cooke, Vicar of Addlestone, diocese of Guildford, to be Rector of Tittleshall with Godwick and Wellingham, and priest in charge of Weasenham, St Peter with All Saints, and Rougham.

The Rev J. Vyse, Vicar of Aylsham, diocese of Norwich, to be also Rural Dean of Ingworth, same diocese.

The Rev F. G. Wood, Rector of Ditchingham with Pirnough, Rector of Hedenham, and priest-in-charge of Broome, diocese of Norwich, to be also Rural Dean of Depwade, same diocese.

Diocese of Durham

The Rev C. R. Mason, Vicar of St John's, Darlington, to be priest-in-charge of Holy Trinity, Southwick.

Canon M. S. Simmons, Rector of St Bartholomew's, Croxdale, and St Michael's, Hett, to be also secretary of the Diocesan Board for Mission and Unity.

The Rev J. Ayre, Rector of Cheadle, diocese of Chester, to be an honorary canon of Chester Cathedral.

The Rev A. C. Hall, Vicar of St Matthew with St Chad's, Smethwick, diocese of Birmingham, to be a residentiary canon of Manchester Cathedral.

Diocese of Peterborough

The Rev R. D. Cheyne, Rector of Cottesbrooke with Great Creaton and priest-in-charge of Thornby, to be Rector of Cottesbrooke with Great Creaton and Thornby.

The Rev A. P. Davies, curate of Great with Little Billing, Northampton, to be Rector of Castor and priest-in-charge of Marholm and Sutton with Upton, Peterborough.

The Rev W. G. Gibbs, Vicar of Guilsborough with Hollowell and priest-in-charge of Cold Ashby, to be Vicar of Guilsborough with Hollowell and Cold Ashby.

The Rev H. J. Weston, curate of St John the Baptist, Peterborough, to be Rector of Peakirk with Glinton.

Diocese of York

The Rev A. M. Girling, Chaplain of Hull University, to be Vicar of St Edward's, Dringhouses.

The Rev R. M. Shaw, curate of Dewsbury, diocese of Wakefield, to be Team Vicar of Redcar with Kirkleatham.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include :

Lord Harcourt and Lord Esher to be reappointed governors of the Museum of London.

The following to be Deputy Lieutenants of Avon : Brigadier H. W. Le Patourel, VC, Colonel D. W. Williams, Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Bryant, Major Lord Wraxall, Major J. E. C. Clarke, Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, Dr A. W. Merrison.

Mr M. Brown to be High Commissioner in Tanzania in succession to Mr A. R. H. Kellas. He will take up his new post in January.

Professor W. F. Grimes to be reappointed a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).

Mr David Gentleman, graphic designer of postage stamps, and Mr Gerald Long, managing director of Reuters, to be members of the Design Council.

Concert work dedicated to backbench violinist who might have shone as a solo player

Marie Wilson prefers to be in team

By Kenneth Gosling

Arts Reporter

Marie Wilson has a lot to celebrate this month, although she now sits on the back benches of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and dislikes being singled out for attention. The orchestra is to play a work dedicated to her at a Festival Hall concert next Sunday, the eve of her seventy-first birthday. She is one of the best known violinists in the profession.

Miss Wilson joined the LPO in 1963 and might have been a great solo violinist, but her love of orchestral playing brought her back to what she calls "the sawdust".

Her father, a miner, played the violin in the pit at the Gaiety Theatre, and first placed a violin in her hands when she was four years old. Later she won an open scholarship and joined Sir Henry Wood's Queen's Hall Orchestra when still a student (the guest conductor, Toscanini, called her "the bambino").

She made her solo debut in the Brahms Violin Concerto at Savoy Hill on 2LO, and became a founder-member of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in 1930.

She was sub-leader for some years and led it in three Promenade seasons. She led a string quartet which bore her name and frequently appeared as concerto soloist.

She retired recently from the Royal College of Music, where she had held a professorship since 1936. She had been a student at the college.

Marie Wilson after rehearsal.

She still likes touring, and is looking forward to the LPO tour of Russia next autumn.

As part of an orchestra which has "a family feeling, a happy and friendly atmosphere", Miss Wilson sinks her individuality to become part of a "great sound". To be a great soloist is to live a lonely life, she says.

She comes up from Lewes at 7 am each day for the 10 o'clock rehearsal. When she gets a day off, she hardly knows what to do with herself.

Things have changed, she says, but not for the worse or for the better. Conductors are not the martinets they were, held in awe by the players, who stood up when they arrived. "These days things are very much more easy, friendly and equal, especially with the younger conductors."

Karajan was, and still is, one of the very, very great conductors, in her eyes. The players are much younger now; the LPO has just taken on a cellist aged 21. Miss Wilson, with all her early training, is able to play the standard works in the repertoire with her eyes closed. "I take it for granted I know my job", she says. Her colleagues would agree.

"Marie is a great professional", a trumpet player said after a rehearsal the other day.

Next Sunday the great professional will be very much the player of honour when the LPO performs the world première of Walter Goehr's "Metamorphosis/Dance", under Bernard Haitink.

The performance promises to be a sell out, which is as it should be when someone who has given as much to music as Marie Wilson has is the subject of the dedication.

"I am one of a team, do not single me out", she says, expressing much embarrassment about being photographed in front of her fellow players.

Dinners

Lord Greenwood of Rossendale

The Town and Country Planning Association held a dinner at the House of Lords last night. Lord Greenwood of Rossendale was host and the guests included :

Lieutenant-Colonel James Allason, Mr Arthur Blenkinsop, MP, Mr Anthony Crosland, MP, Dame Evelyn Denington, Lord Duncan-Sandys, Professor Peter Hall, Sir Desmond Heap, Lord Hill of Luton, Professor J. R. James, Sir James Jones, Lord Molson, Sir Frederic and Lady Osborn, Mr Graham Page, MP, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, Professor Peter Self, the Hon John Silkin, MP, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, and Mr Frederick Willey, MP.

British Society of Periodontology

The annual dinner of the British Society of Periodontology was held at the Royal Society of Medicine last night. The president, Dr R. Powell, was in the chair.

Pilgrims

The Pilgrims entertained Senator Henry M. Jackson at dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night. Lord Astor of Hever was in the chair and among those present were :

The Lord Privy Seal, the American Minister, the Bishop of Rochester, Lord Sherfield, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Stamp, Lord Greenhill, Admiral Harold Shear, USN, Dr A. L. Goodhart and Sir William Keswick, Mr John Corbett, Lord Gore-Booth, Mr Robert Sigmon, Mr Anthony Gishford, Mr R. H. Grierson, Mr Simon Kimmins, Mr William Channing, Mr Brian Connell and Colonel Chant-Sempill (members of the committee).

Service dinner

The Green Howards

The King of Norway, Colonel-in-Chief, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), dined with Major-General D. S. Gordon, colonel of the regiment, serving officers and members of the regimental council at the King's Head Hotel, Richmond, North Yorkshire, last evening. He accepted, on behalf of the regiment, a bronze portrait bust of himself executed by Mr John Doubleday. Among the guests were her Majesty's Lieutenant for the North Riding of Yorkshire, the Marquess of Normanby, honorary colonel commandant of the regiment, and the Norwegian Ambassador.

Reception

Artist Adventurers in 18th Century India

A joint reception was given last night at 5 King Street, St James's, by the Earl of Inchcape, chairman of P & O, and Mr David Spink, chairman of Spink and Son, to celebrate the opening of "Artist Adventurers in Eighteenth Century India", an exhibition of the P & O collection of watercolours by Thomas and William Daniell.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, November 11, 1949

Army doctors

The inception of the National Health Service, with its fixed scales of remuneration, has thrown into bold relief the deficiencies in other medical fields, and already the universities, research bodies, and other organizations have been led to improve the salaries of doctors on their staffs. Army doctors have not benefited by the general upward trend, but so far the service has not suffered much in consequence. The RAMC has practically a full complement of Regular officers, and altogether it has one medical officer to every 570 to 670 of those under its care. . . By civilian standards this provision is luxurious, but it would deteriorate rapidly with the ending of conscription, which now furnishes no less than half the total number of Army doctors.

University news

Oxford

Professor H. W. Putnam, Harvard University, to be John Locke Lecturer in Philosophy, 1975-76.

Elections

ST EDMUND HALL: Lecturerships: R. E. Passingham, MA, PhD (Camb), psychology: D. G. Wild, MA, DPhil, ship: D. E. Hastings, commoner, of biochemistry.

EXETER COLLEGE: Choral exhibition: C. G. Vigar.

ST PETER'S COLLEGE: Domus scholar- Scarisbrick Hall S. Carol Albert Award, K. J. Willan.

Gibbs Fund book prizes: J. A. Philpot and P. S. Spicker, Worcester College.

The S. E. Wilson Scholarship in Forestry has been awarded to L. A. J. Hunt, Keble College.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund has made a grant of £400,000 to establish a readership in cancer studies under the direction of Sir Richard Doll, Regius Professor of Medicine. It will be concerned with epidemiological and statistical investigations.

Cambridge

Appointments:

J. J. Lipner, MA, PhD, to be lecturer in divinity.

DOWNING COLLEGE: Peter Bicknell, MA, to be fellow emeritus.

Elections :

KING'S COLLEGE: Choral Scholarships: S. J. Phipps (baritone), of Eton, for three years from Oct. 1975: C. J. Salmon (tenor), of Lancing C. for three years from Oct. 1975; A. D. Lowe (tenor), of K Edward VI's S. Birmingham, for three years from Oct. 1975.

QUEENS' COLLEGE: B. W. Napier, MA, research fellow, to be fellow in law concurrently with a joint Queens' College/Trinity College lectureship.

SELWYN COLLEGE: Organ Scholarship: R. G. Hollingdale, of Watford GS. Choral exhibitions: R. R. J. Lapwood (tenor), of Stowmarket HS and C. H. Southgate (bass), of Haileybury.

JESUS COLLEGE: Professor E. L. Griggs, AM (Columbia), PhD, DLit (London), emeritus professor of California University, to be an honorary fellow.

Strathclyde

Eric Furness, reader in economics, who is on secondment as professor of economics to the Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, has been appointed to a personal professorship.

Recent appointments :

Senior lecturers: M. A. Crew, BCom, PhD, economics: T. Kennaway, BSc, chemical engineering.

Lecturers: R. J. Dewhurst, BSc, PhD, natural philosophy: N. Raynor, MA, A. A. McLean, MA PhD, P. W. McIntosh, BA, A. I. Clunies-Ross, MA and A. J. Harrison, MA, economics: G. B. Donaldson, MA, PhD, and B. G. Williams, BSc, PhD, applied physics: D. J. Walsh, BSc, PhD, pure and applied chemistry: A. J. Harvey, BSc, physiology and pharm: G. T. McAleese, BSc, fibre science: I. Fleming, civil engineering: J. Fleming, BSc, ARCST, arch and bldg science: J. F. Sevy, BSc, MPhil, urban and regional planning: S. L. Adams, BA, MA, DPhil, history: M. L. Blake, BA, MSc, PhD, librarianship: K. Webb, BA, MSc, politics: S. G. Fisher, BSc, psychology: R. G. Harrison, BSc, administration; J. Corcoran, BA, centre for secretarial studies: M. Bruillon and G. Ashton, MA, modern languages: Jennifer L. Drayton, BA, marketing: R. N. Savage, BA, law school.

N. A. Jacobs, BSc, MSc, to be deputy director, National Centre for Training and Education in Prosthetics.

Senior research fellows: J. F. Perkins, PhD, electrical engineering: H. G. Jones, MA, MSc, operational research. Research fellows: P. A. Elder, BSc, pure and applied chemistry: R. Cocker, BSc, applied microbiology: Elizabeth D. Wright, BSc, pharm technology: Barbara J. Johnson, BPharm, PhD, physiology and pharm: N. E. Hudson, BSc, PhD, fibre science: R. G. Hoare, BA, thermodynamics and mechanics of fluids: P. R. Norris, BSc, PhD, metallurgy: Eileen M. Baxter, BSc, production engineering: Steinar J. Dale, BSc, electrical engineering: B. A. Bhat, BSc, R. F. Disney, MA, W. H. Cleghorn, MMet, PhD, Ann J. Keddie, BA, David Livingstone Inst of Overseas Dev Studies.

Funerals

Baroness Budberg

The funeral service for Baroness Budberg was held yesterday at the Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens, Kensington. Father Vladimir Rodjanko officiated. Among those present were :

Mr and Mrs Paul Benckendorff (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Bernard Alexander (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs John Alexander, Mr and Mrs David Wilson, Miss Helen Alexander, Mr and Mrs Peter Medak and Miss Philippa Benckendorff (grandchildren), Dr and Mrs Hugh Clegg, Mr and Mrs Peter Collingridge, Miss L. von Bremen.

The French Ambassador and Mme Beaumarchais, Lord Amulree, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lady St Just, Lord Kinross, Lord and Lady Boothby, Sir Kenneth Younger, Lady Diana Cooper, Lady (Edgar) Bonham Carter, Sir Carol Reed, Lady Ayer, Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, Prince George Galitzine, Mr George Soloveytchik, Mr and Mrs Hamish Hamilton, Mr and Mrs W. H. Haslam, Mr and Mrs Alan Moorehead, Mr Alastair Forbes, Miss Marie Ney, Mr and Mrs George More O'Ferrall, Mrs Michael Haslam, Mr and the Hon Mrs Miller Jones, Professor and Mrs M. G. Fleming.

Mrs Vera Russell, Mr and Mrs John Haslem, Mr Alan Pryce-Jones, Miss Rosamond Lehmann (International PEN), Mr Tom Driberg, Miss Hope-Wallace, Mrs Gordon Duff, Miss Beatrice Dawson, Mr and Mrs N. P. Clegg, Miss M. C. Collingridge, Miss Norah Smallwood (representing chairman, Chatto and Windus), Mrs Aubrey Baring, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Tynan and Mr J. H. Laurie.

Mr Eric Linklater

The funeral of Mr Eric Linklater, the writer, took place in Kirkwall, Orkney, yesterday. The service in St Olaf's Church was conducted by the Rev John W. Roebuck.

Cambridge job for Scots architects

From Our Correspondent

Cambridge

The Glasgow firm of Gillespie Kidd and Coia has been selected as architects for the new £10m Robinson College at Cambridge, the college trustees announced yesterday. Plans will be available for public viewing within a month.

Ten firms were invited to prepare accounts of how they saw the proposed college and in July four firms were asked to prepare feasibility studies to show in detail how they would develop the Herschel Road Site. The other three firms were Feilden and Mawson, Norwich ; Eric Lyons, Cadbury, Brown and Partners, London ; and MacCormac and Jamieson.

The college is being paid for by a £10m gift from Mr David Robinson, the Newmarket racehorse owner and former television rental chief. Outline planning approval will now be sought.

Permission was not sought earlier, the trustees said, because they wanted the planning authority to have at the outset a feasibility study showing in detail how the project would be developed.

Science report

Astronomy: Interplanetary dust

Lunar samples brought back by Apollo 15 have been used by space scientists at Birmingham University to study the nature of the dust particles which pervade interplanetary space. Dr Smith, Dr Adams and Dr Khan report in *Nature* that they examined the way the dust has pitted the surface of "glassy spherules" from the Moon and compared their findings with laboratory experiments in which they bombarded glass samples with tiny man-made pieces of iron, aluminium and polystyrene.

The interplanetary dust particles in question are between a hundredth and a thousandth of a millimetre across and are known as micrometeoroids. Unlike their larger relatives the meteoroids, which in the main burn up if they enter the Earth's atmosphere, most micrometeoroids are light enough to float slowly to the ground without being damaged. Taking all particles weighing less than a millionth of a gram, 3,000 metric tons of the material fall on the Earth's surface each year, enough to form a carpet a centimetre thick during the lifetime of the Earth.

Collecting the dust as its drifts through the atmosphere can be done with rockets, but such samples are contaminated with dust from the burn-up of meteoroids and thus do not give many clues as to the nature of the unadulterated dust in space. Experiments can also be put on board satellites but that is not nearly as satisfactory as the method used by Dr Smith and his colleagues.

First they examined the diameter and depth of the minute craters formed by interplanetary dust on the lunar material. There are plenty of these "microcraters" to choose from, about 5,000 on each square centimetre of exposed surface. As there is no atmosphere on the Moon the dust would not have been slowed down and would therefore have struck the spherules at anything between five and 20 kilometres a second, forming craters that are quite accurately circular in shape.

The key parameter is the ratio of the crater depth to the crater diameter. The Birmingham measurements show that the microcraters fell into three distinct groups with ratios of 0.94 (deep craters), 0.50 and 0.33.

In their laboratory experiments with man-made particles of iron, aluminium and polystyrene, the Birmingham group found that that ratio decreased as progressively less dense projectiles were used (iron being more dense than aluminium, which in turn is more dense than polystyrene). The match between the measurements on the lunar samples and on glass in the laboratory is close and leads Dr Smith and his colleagues to conclude that the three groups contain high density micrometeoroids (density 7.9 grammes per cubic centimetre), medium density ones (2.7 grams per cubic centimetre) and low density ones (1.2 grams per cubic centimere) respectively. They consider the chief constituents of micrometeoroids in the three groups to be iron, stony material, and spongy material or perhaps ice.

The group did other experiments in the laboratory to find out how the diameters of the microcraters relate to the density of the impinging particles. Iron particles made craters with twice their own diameter, whereas the polystyrene ones made craters no larger than the particles themselves.

Given these clues to the size and density of the micrometeoroids which must have hit the Moon, it is simple to work out what proportion of the mass of the interplanetary dust is contained in each of the three groups. Spongy meteoroids account for the greatest part (70 per cent), with 20 per cent iron ones and 10 per cent stony. Spongy materials are known to be the chief constituents of meteoroids with masses greater than one microgram, so the Birmingham experiment is saying that that state of affairs continues down to dust particle masses about 10^{-10} grams. The predominance of spongy material will probably help to pinpoint the source of the dust (colliding asteroids are one possibility).

In the size region between one and two micrometres, however, the Birmingham group finds a change occurring. Particles smaller than that have predominantly higher densities (that is, more of them are made of iron). That is particularly interesting because it can be understood in terms of the two competing forces that act on interplanetary dust particles. The first is the pressure exerted by radiation from the Sun (which tends to blow the particles away from the Sun). The second is the gravitational attraction which pulls the opposite way.

At the Earth, the two forces balance out when the product of particle diameter and density is 1.2×10^{-4} grams a square centimetre. The corresponding diameters for particles of density seven and one grams a cubic centimetre are about 0.2 and one micrometer, respectively. In other words, low density particles smaller than one micrometre will tend to get blown out of the solar system and will not be as much in evidence near the Earth. That is just what Dr Smith and his colleagues find.

A further extension of the argument is that iron micrometeoroids (7.9 grams a cubic centimetre) with masses smaller than 10^{-14} grams are unlikely to be detected near the Earth, but that prediction can be tested only when experimental techniques are improved.

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Early book on New World makes £10,000

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's yesterday were selling early books on science, navigation and travel from the Harrison D. Horblit library. While the overall result satisfied the auctioneers, some prices were very high and some very low, for no obvious reason.

The top price was £10,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) paid by John Fleming for the first English edition (1578) of Fernandez de Enciso's *Briefe Description . . . of the West India* ; this was the first Spanish book published on the New World.

Many of the great men of science were represented. The first printed edition of Euclid's *Elementa Geometria*, 1482, £3,000 (estimate £4,000 to £4,500) to Traylen. Galileo's *Il Saggiatore*, 1623, made £2,600 (estimate £3,000 to £3,500). The first book on space travel, R. H. Goddard's *Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes*, 1919, made £550 (estimate £300 to £400).

Parke Bernet in New York held an important sale of Old Master and modern prints at the end of last week. While prices seldom went beyond expectations they were remarkably healthy in the present economic climate.

The rarity of the sale was a set of trial proofs of Goya's famous series *Los Caprichos* ; only 10 sets of trial proofs were previously recorded and this makes an eleventh. The Schickman Gallery paid $90,000 (£38,297) for the set ; estimate $70,000 to $90,000. There was also a first edition of *Los Proverbios* at $11,000 (£4,680) ; estimate $8,000 to $11,000. A fourth edition of *La Tauromaquia*, not generally considered of great quality, made an outstandingly high price at $10,000 (£4,255) ; estimate $4,000 to $6,000.

Among the modern prints, the Chagall lithographs made consistently high prices, with one plate from the Arabian Nights series, of which only 21 impressions were published, at $9,500 (£4,042) ; estimate $8,000 to $12,000. Toulouse-Lautrec's "La Clownesse Assise" made $32,500 (£13,830) ; estimate $35,000 to $42,500. His "Femme au Tub" reached $21,000 (£8,936) ; estimate $18,000 to $21,000. Several of the more important Picasso prints apparently were not sold, although his "Faune Dévoilant une Femme" from the Vollard Suite reached $11,000 (£4,681) ; estimate $12,000 to $15,000.

At Sotheby Parke Bernet's sale in Los Angeles at the beginning of last week, a superb Queen Anne black lacquer bureau and cabinet was sold for $19,000 (£8,085). The piece was so out of the ordinary that they had not risked a published estimate.

On a set of six George I mahogany dining chairs for which $14,000 to $16,000 had been estimated they received $8,250 (£3,511). A small George I walnut bureau cabinet, 6ft 6in high, on which they had estimated $20,000 to $30,000, was sold at $8,500 (£3,617). A Queen Anne green lacquer long-case clock with a movement by Peter Garon made $12,000 (£5,106) ; estimate $8,000 to $12,000.

Christie's were selling Chinese snuff bottles yesterday. A deep pink tourmaline bottle of baluster form with a jade stopper made £651 (estimate £700 to £800) and a white jade bottle carved with foliage in the Mogul style and a cornelian stopper made £441 (estimate £400).

Latest wills

Mrs Ada Rose Taylor, of Hoveton St John, Norfolk, left £129,606 net (duty paid, £21,089). After specific bequests she left the residue equally between Dr Barnardo's, Spastics Society, Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, Invalid Children's Aid Association, Sunshine Home for Blind Babies and Young People, Cheshire Homes, St Dunstan's, Muscular Dystrophy Group and the Royal British Legion.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid ; further duty may be payable on some estates) :

Smyth, Brigadier Richard Hooper, of Alton, Chief Paymaster, former Royal Army Pay Corps (no duty shown) £17,001

Crowther, Dr Harold Albert Hadleigh, of Aston Upthorpe, Berkshire, landowner and company *chairman* (duty paid, £33,243) £109,199

Dolemore, Winifred Lucy, of Broughton, Northamptonshire (no duty shown) £80,654

Gamble, Blanche, of Walton-on-Thames (no duty shown) £81,968

Jones, Mr Arthur Stanley, of Bowdon (duty paid, £16,066) £80,755

OBITUARY

DR PAUL TABORI

Author and champion of authors' rights

Dr Paul Tabori, who died suddenly on Saturday at the age of 66, was one of the first of several Hungarian writers of his generation to settle in London and to write in English.

The son of a well known Budapest journalist, Tabori's interests were always divided between the political and the literary. A youthful enthusiasm for English literature first attracted him to England in 1930, but he came here in his capacity as a foreign correspondent. He had taken a PhD degree in political science, and in the intervals of writing fiction he continued to earn his living as a political journalist.

Although he never lost his heavy Hungarian accent, Tabori quickly mastered English, and his output was prodigious, both under his own name, and under the pseudonyms of "Peter Stafford" and "Christopher Stevens". He could claim to have published in English no fewer than 40 novels and collections of short stories. He also wrote several film scripts for his fellow Hungarian Alexander Korda besides numerous television and radio scripts. He was, perhaps, almost too versatile. The books of his that are likely to be best remembered are his political ones: notably *The Nazi Myth*, dating from 1939, and *The Anatomy of Exile*, which came out in 1972: a deeply serious analysis of the predicament of the refugee.

Tabori was one of the few writers who enjoyed organizing things. He was the founder of the International Writers Guild and had been chairman of one of the PEN Centres of Writers in Exile. At the time of his death, he was acting chairman of the Writers in Prison Committee of International PEN, a committee which he himself had instituted at the PEN Congress in Rio in 1960. Paul Tabori owed much of his success as an organizer to his great personal charm. He had the smile and the wit and the wordliness of an old-fashioned Hungarian *boulevardier*, but behind it all was an immensely efficient, industrious, and public-spirited character, a man with a tireless devotion to the cause of freedom of expression and to the welfare of his fellow writers.

DR C. C. DAVIES

Dr Cuthbert Collin Davies, Reader in Indian History, Oxford University, 1936-63, died on November 5.

He was born in 1896, and educated at Narberth Grammar School and Aberystwyth, whence he graduated with first-class honours in history in 1916. Commissioned in The Welch Regiment, he fought on the Western Front, where he was wounded, and then transferred to the Indian Army, serving as a captain in the 2/1 Gurkha Rifles, and taking part in operations on the North-West Frontier.

His real interests, however, lay always in historical scholarship and the academic life, and in 1923 he retired from the army and went up to Peterhouse, where he took a PhD under Professor Temperley. His service overseas had made him acquainted with some Indian languages, and had determined the historical field in which he wished to work, and so, after a short spell of teaching at the Regent Street Polytechnic, Davies went on to be Lecturer in Indian History in the School of Oriental Studies, and thence to the Readership in Indian History at Oxford.

He was an able historian, accurate, scholarly and balanced ; his best work, though he wrote some excellent volumes and articles on the North-West Frontier and on the earlier period of British rule in India, was done in stimulating and supervising his many pupils, both graduate and undergraduate. He had a flair for suggesting suitable topics for research, and his wide and accurate knowledge of the documentary sources, allied with his constant care to get to know his pupils and their work personally and intimately made him a most successful supervisor. He also did much to interest undergraduates in the history of British rule in India, particularly in the late eighteenth century, by teaching it as a Special Subject for the Honour School of *Modern History*.

He was particularly moved when, in 1960, the Asiatic Society of Bengal awarded him their Gold Medal for distinguished services to the study of Indian history.

He retired in 1963, but continued to keep open house for all—undergraduates, research students and colleagues—who shared his interest in Indian history. During the academic year 1965-66 he was Visiting Professor of South Asian History at the University of Wisconsin.

SIR SEYMOUR KARMINSKI

Lord Hodson writes:

Seymour Karminski was one of my oldest friends. He and I were in the same chambers at the Bar before the 1939-45 War and a close relationship grew up between us not only in our professional lives but in our homes and families.

His father was a distinguished banker who came to this country many years ago. Seymour was educated at Rugby and at *Christ Church, Oxford*, where he had a distinguished academic career. From his early days Seymour gave great service in helping his fellow Jews who had escaped from the Nazi persecution. Like many others, he always maintained his loyalty to the community of which he was a distinguished member.

This did not prevent his being a loyal subject of the Crown, and abandoning a promising practice to join the Royal Navy, seeing active service in the Mediterranean and North Sea, although he had reached an age when he might well have stayed at home.

After the war he took silk and his legal ability was recognized by appointment to the High Court Bench and later to the Court of Appeal. All who knew him will wish to extend sympathy to Susan, his wife, and to the united family of children and grandchildren who mourn his loss. He was a well-loved man.

MR KEMAL KAVUR

Mr A. F. Kavur writes :

Mr Kemal N. Kavur, Turkish Ambassador to London 1962-63, died in Istanbul on November 9.

He was a career diplomat and had been Ambassador in Helsinki, Sofia, Moscow, Tokyo, London and Berne. He enjoyed very much being an ambassador and in style and outlook was a classical example of an "Ancien Ecole" diplomat. As a student he had been a keen footballer and a dedicated Romantic poet. He was, most of all, an idealist and a man of principle with a humane heart bordering, usually at his own cost, on naivety. Love of his country was his main source of inspiration while he also believed as strongly in universal love.

Mr Dudley Delevingne, FRSA, FSVA, who died on Thursday, was a partner in the firm of Ralph Pay and Ransom, estate agents, auctioneers, and surveyors.

The Dowager Countess Winterton, widow of the sixth Earl Winterton, a former "Father" of House of Commons, died on Saturday at the age of 72. She was the Hon Cecilia Monica, only daughter of the second Baron Nunburnholme, and she was married in 1924. Her husband died in 1962.

LORD HAILES

The Duke of Grafton, Lord Holford and Sir John Summerson write:

Your obituary notice of Patrick Hailes made no mention of the fact that from 1963 to 1973 he was chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for England for the second and crucial decade of its existence. May we, as foundation members say how much the council owed to his political sense and experience.

The very qualities which had made him a *distinguished* Chief Whip in Parliament soon established his leadership of a body, not always ruly, composed of art historians and scholars, practising architects, conservationists, writers and MPs from both the major parties; but what earned him affection also, and in most cases a working consensus of views after discussion, was the fact that he too cared deeply about towns and the countryside, their characteristic landscapes and buildings, the works of art and craftsmanship connected with them, and the many people who devote their means and their time and their skill to maintaining them.

MRS AILEEN GRAHAM-JONES

J. writes :

Aileen Graham-Jones, who died last week at the age of 85, will no doubt be remembered by many as a gracious and conventional Granny in the Grand Manner.

More than 60 years ago, however, her way of life was that of a staunch Women's Libber. Before it was fashionable to be a rebellious adolescent, she outraged her family by becoming a fully-trained girl motor mechanic. She donned overalls and heavy gloves and even a peaked cap, she signed the lease of a mews property in South Kensington and shocked the inhabitants of the locality by setting up a Ladies Motoring School. Later she chauffeured the Pankhursts and played a gallant part in the war driving and servicing heavy field ambulances.

Her death sadly thins the ranks of the vintage ladies who can tell authentic stories of what it was like to be among the first of the few who jibbed at the mythology of the feminine rôle.

Mr Philip Arthur Hufton, CB, who died yesterday at the age of 63, was head of the Aerodynamics Dept, Royal Aircraft Establishment, 1959-66 and from 1966 deputy director of the establishment.

Mr Neville Moon, OBE, who died on November 9 at the age of 65, was Clerk of the Peace, Clerk to the Lieutenantcy, and Clerk to Hertfordshire County Council from 1948 to 1969. He was a Deputy Lieutenant for the county.

Today's engagements

The Queen holds investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11 ; visits Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops 1974 Park Lane Fair, Inn on the Park, 3.

Princess Anne attends a luncheon given by the National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders to launch its newspaper, *Frontsheet*, Hyde Park Hotel, London, 12.25 ; opens Careers for 1975 Exhibition, Alexandra Palace, London, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends concert to mark 150th anniversary of death of John Cartwright, Canterbury Hall, London University, 3.15 ; dines with president and fellows, Royal College of Physicians, 7.45.

Princess Alexandra is present at reception, Martini Terrace, New Zealand House, 6.30.

Lunch-hour dialogue: The Bishop of London with Miss Joan Bakewell, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Calm ahead of the Budget

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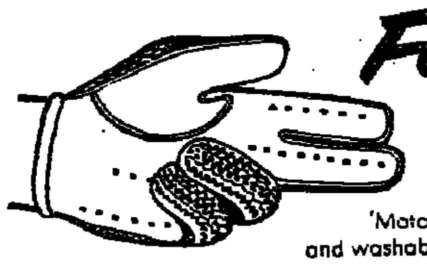
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.



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1973/74 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
99¹¹⁄₁₆	94¼	Treas 6¾% 1974	99¹¹⁄₁₆	..	6.772	11.014
99⅝	92¾	Treas 6% 1975	99⅝	-¹⁄₁₆	6.049	9.509
99¹⁵⁄₁₆	93½	Treas 8% 1975	99⅝	..	8.035	8.981
95⁷⁄₁₆	89⅝	Savings 3% 1965-75	95⅛	..	3.154	9.819
96¹⁵⁄₁₆	86	Exch 6½% 1976	96⅛	-⅛	6.760	9.735
94¼	86	Treas 6½% 1976	94⅛	-⅛	6.904	10.212
96¾	95	Victory 4% 1976	95½	..	4.059	5.924
99⅝	94½	Treas 10½% 1976	99¾	..	10.568	10.858
91⁷⁄₁₆	83¾	Treas 6¼% 1977	91⅛	..	6.845	10.573
90⅝	81¼	Elec 3% 1974-77	89¾	-⅛	3.369	8.218
99½	95⅝	Treas 11½% 1977	99⅛	-⅛	11.572	11.750
86⅝	77¾	Trans 4% 1972-77	85¼	-¼	4.719	9.661
101¼	86⅝	Treas 9% 1978	93¼	-⅛	9.654	11.522
86½	75¾	Exch 5% 1976-78	82½	-⅛	6.061	10.631
76½	65½	Treas 3% 1979	75¼	-⅛	3.987	9.490
97⅞	96¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 11½% 1979	97⅛	-⅛	11.810	12.394
81⅝	69¼	Elec 4½% 1974-79	77¾	-⅛	5.466	10.152
78	67½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	74½	-¼	4.674	9.096
109½	81⅝	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	83¾	-¼	10.715	13.904
83¼	69½	Fund 5¼% 1978-80	75¾	-¼	6.947	11.261
75½	64⅝	Treas 3½% 77-80	72¾	-¼	4.815	10.005
73¼	61⅝	Treas 3½% 79-81	70¼	-¼	5.046	10.240
87¾	75¼	Treas 8½% 1980-82	79½	-¼	11.031	13.590
97½	85¾	Treas 12% 1983	90¼	-¼	13.500	14.328
80⅝	61¼	Fund 5½% 1982-84	64½	-¼	8.794	12.456
85¼	66⅝	Treas 8½% 1984-86	69¼	-¼	12.793	14.556
81¾	54½	Fund 6½% 1985-87	57¾	-¼	11.809	14.352
87⅝	59⅝	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	60⅝	-¼	13.352	15.192
54½	36⅝	Trans 3% 1978-88	37¾	-¼	8.300	13.236
68⅝	42⅝	Treas 5% 1986-89	43¼	-¼	11.668	14.417
90⅛	57	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	57	-¼	14.291	16.531
72¾	44	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	44½	-¼	12.900	14.943
72¾	42¼	Fund 6% 1993	43½	-¼	14.064	15.402
89½	56⅝	Treas 8½% 1994	57½	-¼	15.326	16.070
82	26⅝	Redmptn 3% 1986-96	27¼	-¼	11.154	13.410
47½	26⅝	Gas 3% 1990-95	27¼	-¼	11.049	13.678
94½	79¼	Treas 12½% 1995	80¼	-¼	15.673	16.034
97⅛	56⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	58¼	-¼	15.990	16.313
75¼	41½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	47¼	-¼	15.689	16.256
84¾	55	Treas 8¾% 1997	56¼	-¼	16.017	16.391
84¼	60⅝	Treas 10¼% 1999	62	-¼	16.142	16.360
43¼	24½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	25¼	-¼	14.530	15.157
85¼	47½	Treas 8% 2002-06	49¼	-¼	16.530	16.831
61¼	33⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	34⅝	-¼	16.340	16.408
77⅛	47¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	48½	-¼	16.785	16.790
40⅝	23½	Consols 4%	24¼	..	16.942	..
36¼	20⅝	War Ln 3½%	21	..	16.531	..
37	20¼	Conv 3½%	21¼	..	16.401	..
31½	17⅝	Treas 3%	18⅛	..	16.616	..

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e *reaching* a strong in mid-summer the parity against a number currencies, such as the hemark and the Swiss has been gradually downwards.

has begun to worry of the governors, and it ved a proposal was con- today under which would be joint action to p the dollar. It would coordinated interven- y the central banks of Germany, Switzerland e United States.

for the governors the s in the dollar's parity t of crucial importance.

Against some currencies, such as sterling, it has remained remarkably stable and there are clear technical reasons to explain its weakness against other currencies.

The decline of interest rates in New York is thought to have resulted in some switching of Arab money from the American market into Europe, and to have generally contributed to the strength of European currencies. As European interest rates begin to follow down rates in New York, this sort of pressure is likely to diminish.

No such natural solution seems likely to emerge on the problem of the dollar price of gold, which reached a new high during today's trading of over $184 an ounce. The weakness of the dollar and the strength of gold are merely two sides of the same coin and it is likely some action will have to be taken soon by the governors to deal with the problem.

What the continuing rise in the gold price seems to reveal is a general specticism about holding the dollar, or any other currencies at a time of increasing economic uncertainty. In times of great difficulty there is a natural tendency to seek out some reserve asset the value of which is thought to be secure. That may explain part of the increase in the free market price in recent months.

But a *significant* element has been a self-inflicted wound on the part of the United States Treasury and Congress, when they decided to relax the law banning the holding of gold by American citizens.

This is due to come into effect on January 1, and there is anxious *speculation* among some European countries about what will happen when the law is changed. This concern is also felt by some American monetary experts, who fear there might be a near panic rush into the metal by investors anxious to protect their assets.

Faced with the unenviable prospect of a run away from money, which is after all the commodity which they produce, the Central bankers seem to have two options, though participants at the meeting claim that no attempt was made to decide between them.

The first would be to try to use their large reserves of the metal to force the price down. They are restrained from doing this by an agreement among themselves not to buy gold in the free market. This means that any Central bank which reduces its gold reserves by selling off some of its stock, has no opportunity to replenish them.

An alternative strategy, which would not involve the risks associated with reducing reserves of a metal which has so far obstinately resisted attempts to remove it from the money scene, would be for the United States to change its mind about allowing citizens to hold gold.

BI survey on investment reveals orst outlook for at least 16 years

dward Townsend

e of the most depressing res of investment inten- among British companies it least 16 years was pre- *ed by the Confederation of* ish Industry yesterday.

porting that industry's in- ient plans were now "quite ptionally weak", the CBI ist *that unless there were changes in government* manufacturing invest- next year might show a tic decline of more than cent.

n eve-of-Budget analysis fifty-fourth industrial survey, the CBI said that past four months there en a "further and wide- deterioration in optimism he general business situa-

rate of new orders has and is expected to worsen, export confidence is de- in the face of a threat- vorld recession.

survey, taken among industrial companies em- g three million people and ting for half the country's manufactured exports, says six out of ten are more pessimistic than four months ago and widespread pessimism is a feature of all broad industry groups.

This grim outlook for industry was underlined by predictions from the Scottish CBI yesterday of large-scale unemployment in Scotland and many bankruptcies over the next few months.

Its own trends survey also *shows an unprecedented slump* in Scottish investment plans.

Introducing the main survey, Mr Campbell Adamson, the CBI's *director-general*, revealed that the basic figures were relayed to Whitehall last week.

The CBI has pressed Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for a £2,400m boost to company liquidity and Mr Campbell Adamson said the situation was *now* clearly as grave as they had stated.

The investment prediction illustrates the *marked* difference in opinion between the CBI and the Department of Industry, which has estimated a growth in manufacturing investment in 1975 of 3 per cent.

But the CBI says its gloomy forecast is "much more realistic". It reflects an expected slump in demand and is bound up in the whole problem of corporate profitability, cash flow and liquidity.

The confederation stresses that if its proposals on tax changes and the abolition of price controls are accepted by Mr Healey, they would help to sustain investment, production *and employment* in 1975 and beyond.

Industry's chief concern—inability to plan new investment—is thrown *into* sharp focus by the survey.

It shows that 39 per cent of companies expect capital expenditure authorization on buildings to be lower in the coming 12 months compared *with the previous* 12.

Unemployment warning: Mr Michael Heseltine, Opposition spokesman on industry said: "The CBI figures provide further evidence that unemployment will rise to the highest persistent levels seen for a generation.

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s possible, therefore, that lealey, the Chancellor of xchequer, will take action Budget today to restrain mers' expenditure.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

		Sales by volume 1971 = 100	New credit extended £m
1972		105.8	2,497
1972	Q1	102.1	575
	Q2	104.8	612
	Q3	107.3	638
	Q4	109.2	670
1973		110.7	2,871
1973	Q1	111.8	761
	Q2	108.3	681
	Q3	110.6	717
	Q4	112.0	712
1974	Q1	109.9	576
	Q2	107.5	612
	Q3	111.1	648
Jan		109.2	198
Feb		110.2	186
March		110.1	192
April		108.1	201
May		105.8	206
June		108.3	205
July		109.3	216
Aug		111.5	215
Sept		112.1	217
Oct p		111.5	—

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kes caused a significant i industrial production in mber. Industrial produc- altogether fell by 0.9 per while output of manufac- industry fell by 1.8 per according to figures from cntral Statistical Office.

vever, in the three months eptember both industrial ction and the output of facturing industry were 1.1 ent higher than in the months to June. *The latest* s are, therefore, an inter- n of a slowly rising trend. recovery from low levels e first half of 1974 is y attributable to the iption of normal working the three-day week and gradual elimination of esulting component and ials shortages.

car industry, which was affected by disputes in mber, accounts for 4.5 per of the manufacturing while vehicles as a whole nts for 7.3 per cent.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The following are the index numbers of industrial production in September, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1970=100).

	All Industries	M'fctng Total
1972		
Q1	98.2	98.6
Q2	102.7	101.1
Q3	102.9	102.3
Q4	105.8	105.4
1973		
Q1	109.8	109.7
Q2	109.4	109.8
Q3	110.7	111.4
Q4	109.5	110.4
1974		
Q1	103.7	105.8
Q2	108.5	109.7
Q3	109.7	110.9
Jan	101.5	102.5
Feb	103.3	106.8
March	106.3	108.1
April	108.1	109.5
May	108.1	108.9
June	109.3	110.8
July	110.0	111.1
Aug	110.1	111.8
Sept	109.1	109.8

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax and value-added tax, but include revenue duties.

	Output prices (home sales)	Prices of materials and fuel
1973		
Q1	119.5	126.0
Q2	120.1	133.3
Q3	124.2	150.9
Q4	129.1	167.6
1974		
Q1	138.3	214.3
Q2	148.9	215.8
Q3 p	156.0	215.8
Jan	134.2	210.7
Feb	138.5	215.1
March	142.3	217.0
April	146.4	217.4
May	149.0	216.2
June	151.2	213.9
July	153.5	214.6
Aug	156.1	216.7
Sept p	158.5	216.0
Oct p	161.2	223.0

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Surge in raw material costs

There was a sharp rise in the price of raw materials and fuel in October, the first significant increase for six months, according to figures released yesterday by the Department of Industry. The rise amounted to 3.2 per cent, and makes the level of raw material and fuel prices 37.9 per cent higher than in October last year and 5.8 per cent higher than in January this year.

The October increase was mainly caused by the increase in the cost of crude oil on October 1, the increase in the cost of coal and further increases in certain commodities especially silver and woodpulp. The food manufacturing industry was badly hit by a 4½ per cent increase in the cost of its materials.

Output prices rose by 1.7 per cent in October, compared with 1.5 per cent in September and 1.7 per cent in August. This would suggest that the underlying rate of inflation is between 1½ and 1¾ per cent a month.

Proposals for funding new investment bank for industry await clarification

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

Final details laying down the basis upon which funding can be arranged for a major new investment bank to provide medium term finance for industry have still to be ironed out.

If Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, makes reference to the proposed new bank in his Budget speech today, it *is unlikely to be in anything* more than general outline form.

But it now seems unlikely that the £1,000m, which Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has suggested would be the appropriate amount to set the bank on its way, will be raised at once.

One possibility is that an initial sum of around £100m will be subscribed by the clearing banks in the form of an injection into Finance For Industry, the medium term and venture capital lender which the clearers own, together with the Bank of England. At least a part of *such an injection* could take the form of new equity capital.

The remaining £900m could then be raised over a period of perhaps three years in the form of loan stock issues by FFI. These seem likely to be medium term issues of six to eight year maturities and to carry a coupon fixed at marginally more than the return obtainable on a medium term gilt-edged stock—around 14 per cent currently.

It is far from certain whether FFI would then on-lend the proceeds at below commercial rates of interest, although it was being pointed out in the City yesterday that no many industrial concerns would be attracted to borrow medium term funds at today's high commercial rates.

But it appears that the Bank of England has succeeded in winning the support of enough institutions to make sure that a stock issue by FFI would be fully taken up.

In the first instance, tranches of stock could be offered for subscription to the general public, but the issues would almost certainly be firmly underwritten. The technique used in the floating of Rolls-Royce Motors appears to have obtained some support. In that instance the underwriting institutions also applied for the issue in full, on the understanding that their applications would be scaled down in the event of substantial public demand.

Some of the larger pension funds approached to support the scheme are believed to have been hesitant about taking part in issues by the proposed bank, but the British Insurance Association, representing the insurance companies, has apparently been more willing and the pension funds have had little option but to concur.

It is widely felt that the BIA's cooperative attitude is conditioned, at least in part, by fears that legislation might be pending to restrict the investment freedom of insurance companies

It is almost certain that if FFI becomes the vehicle through which new medium term funds are to be made available to industry its policy will restrict it to lending to soundly-based concerns for the purpose of long term investment.

This is a role for which FFI is already equipped, albeit on a much more modest scale than envisaged. The larger part of its activities are at present vested in Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, its venture capital offshoot, which, at the end of March this year had investments in 2,430 customers to a total value of £240m.

FFI's medium term lending arm, the Finance Corporation for Industry, had made loans totalling £63m to nine customers, but following the merger with ICEC to create FFI last November it has been the intention to expand the scope of FCI's operations.

At present FFI is restricted to total lending of around £500m, made up of issued capital of £100m and an ability to borrow up to four times that amount through periodic issues of tap stock.

Pound slips as nervous market waits

By Our Economics Staff

The pound fell to its lowest level for ten months on foreign exchanges yesterday. The effective rate for sterling showed a 19.2 per cent depreciation from *the* Smithsonian parity, the highest figure since 19.44 per cent on January 21.

Sterling was particularly weak against the dollar which staged a good recovery from its low level at the end of last week. The rate fell from $2.3355 at Friday's close to $2.3270 at yesterday's close, a loss of almost 1c on the day. Most of the fall occurred in the morning and steadier conditions were found in the afternoon.

Pre-Budget nervousness, particularly at the prospect of reflationary measures, was the main depressing factor. But *greater confidence* in the dollar, helped by reports of agreement on the need for support of the United States currency at the Basle meeting of European central bankers, also contributed.

Gold had an unsettled day. Early profit-taking trimmed the price from $184¼ an ounce at Friday's close to $182¼ at the morning fix.

There were reports of the United States Government reconsidering its decision to allow private citizens to hold gold in the New Year and this caused the price to fall slightly again in the afternoon. But this was limited to $¼, with the closing price of $182 representing a $2¼ loss on the day.

Fed relief at wholesale price trends

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 11

Recent data on wholesale price developments indicate a possible easing in the accelerating rate of *inflation*, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states today.

While "inflation remains exceptionally severe, there are perhaps a few straws in the wind to suggest that some relief may be forthcoming".

In its latest business review the Fed stressed that wholesale agricultural prices had fallen at an annual rate of 21 per cent in September. But this was exceptional and there have since been some indicators pointing to a further price upswing. Nevertheless, the Fed is encouraged by developments in the non-farm wholesale price sector.

The latest survey conducted by the National Association of Purchasing Management Incorporated shows that in October 61 per cent of purchasing agents reported higher prices, against 68 per cent in September.

Arab pricing may squeeze profits and put further 2p on petrol

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Motorists, already facing a 10p a gallon increase in the price of petrol within the next few days, can expect a further 2-3p a gallon on prices early in the New Year.

At the same time the leading oil companies could, for the first time since the supply crisis of last winter, find their profits squeezed.

Both events stem from the weekend decision of Saudi Arabia and two other Arab oil producers to revamp their oil pricing system in an attempt to curb the growing profits of the international oil giants.

All the large oil selling groups in the United Kingdom, with the exception of Shell-Mex and PB, have submitted applications for a 3-4p across the board *increase in prices*.

It is thought that the Government will load the bulk of this rise on to petrol and increase excise duty so that price at the pump will jump by 10p a gallon. The announcement of this rise could come in Mr Healey's Budget speech today.

Behind the possible New Year petrol rises is the decision of Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi and Qatar to reduce the posted price of oil by 40 cents and compensate by increasing the tax and royalties payable by the oil companies. They will also reduce the price of oil, owned by the state oil companies.

The effect has been to increase the overall costs of Middle East crude to a company like British Petroleum by 55 cents a barrel and reduce the market price of participation oil to the point where there is only 30 cents difference between the two prices.

Because of the complex nature of the international oil market, this development is creating serious problems for the international oil companies that formerly held exclusive concessions in the Middle East. The oil production subsidiary sells crude oil at the export *point to other associates of the* parent company who then refine and market the oil.

In the new situation, if the production company passed the full extent of its increased costs plus its normal profit margin on to the marketing associate, the price would exceed the cost of buying oil direct from the state oil companies. It seems extremely doubtful in countries like the United Kingdom where there is strict control over the market price of oil products, that this would be allowed.

The Price Commission has the ability to regulate profits and prices where a trading company is buying its raw materials from *another affiliate, and could* probably use its powers in a case where it was thought a company was incurring unnecessary costs.

All the figures on increased costs by the oil companies assume that the lead set by Saudi Arabia will be followed by Kuwait, Iraq and other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

In some quarters the separate price deal inspired by Saudi Arabia is seen as evidence of a split in the OPEC ranks, and it is thought that an emergency meeting of the organization will *be called to discuss the situation* before the next scheduled conference on December 12.

Saudi Arabia, which has been the principal advocate of lower oil prices, led the move to higher crude costs as part of its campaign to win 100 per cent participation in the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco).

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Workers oppose Benn plan if NVT chief stays

By Clifford Webb

The Triumph motor cycle workers' cooperative will refuse to take part in any Government plan to nationalize Norton-Villiers-Triumph if it remains under the chairmanship of Mr Dennis Poore, it was claimed last night.

Mr Bill Lapworth, Coventry district secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union and one of the architects of the cooperative, said: "As far as the Meriden workers are concerned Mr Poore has revealed his true colours.

"He never intended to sign the deal that would have enabled the cooperative to purchase Meriden from him and get on with the business of making motor cycles. Every time we got to the stage of signing he has raised yet another objection.

"I was at a meeting at Bristol where he was asked categorically if there were any outstanding problems. He said there was only one—*the need* for an £8m export credit guarantee to cover Meriden exports. He got that very quickly from Mr Benn and then he raised another problem. I think he has some he hasn't even used yet."

Mr Lapworth said there was now so much ill-feeling and emotion that the only solution to the present impasse was an independent inquiry and he suggested that it could be carried out by the Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

"We would hope that they can come up with a proper working plan for a nationalized NVT to operate under an acceptable management team. And I would point out that the present management is not *acceptable to* its Wolverhampton employees as well as Meriden. The Wolverhampton lads recently passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Poore."

As revealed in Business News yesterday Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Industry, is now considering a Government takeover of NVT, the company set up last year with £4.8m of government money.

This came after last week's stormy meeting between Mr Benn and NVT employees at Small Heath, Birmingham, who are opposed to the sale of Meriden. Mr Poore has said that he will not complete the sale without their approval.

A full nationalization of NVT was first suggested by the Small Heath men. Mr Poore has said that he would give such a move favourable consideration if the price was right.

'Settlement near' on Herstatt

Cologne, Nov 11.—Negotiations over an agreed settlement formula for the insolvent Herstatt Bank between representatives of the creditors, the liquidator and the receiver on the one hand and Herr Hans Gerling, the former major Herstatt shareholder on the other, are close to completion, the Gerling insurance group's spokesman said in a statement

An expected agreement proposal will be submitted to the *settlement court*.

Accompanying the proposal will be a deposition from Herr Gerling dealing in particular with the creation of a special fund to benefit Herstatt creditors and Herr Gerling's contribution of about DM200m (nearly £34m).

The Gerling statement indicated one area where the final settlement proposals were likely to differ from the second set put forward last month by Herr Guenter Vogelsang, the independent negotiator, and later adopted as official.

Banking study: Herr Hans Apel, the Finance Minister, has named a 10-member commission to make a wide-ranging study of West Germany's powerful universal banking system. The group, whose creation was promised by Herr Apel following the Herstatt Bank collapse, will examine whether the current all-purpose bank should be continued or replaced by a system which separates deposit and lending activities

How the markets moved

The Times index: 75.40 +0.68
FT index: 194.2 +2.8

Rises

Ass Port Cement	1p to 88p	Imp Chem Ind	4p to 150p
Boots	3p to 120p	Lonrho	9p to 66p
Broken Hill	52p to 496p	Nat of Aust	25p to 215p
Com Union	2p to 81p	Rothschild	19p to 268p
Fisons	8p to 190p	Unilever	3p to 161p
GKN	4p to 149p	Vosper	10p to 72p
Hawthorn L.	9p to 47p	Western Mining	22p to 152p

Falls

ARB-Latham	10p to 110p	Norwest Holst	3p to 22p
Beecham Grp	2p to 143p	Orion	15p to 100p
Bacal Const	6p to 20p	Reckitt & Colmn	7p to 147p
Churchbury Est	10p to 50p	Steel Bros	6p to 120p
E Driefontein	5p to 925p	Smith W. H.	8p to 154p
Hawtin	½p to 3p	Sun Alliance	13p to 205p
Hutchison Int	4p to 30½p	Turner E.	1p to 6p

Equities held quietly firm.
Gilt-edged securities were quiet.
Sterling fell by 85 points to $2.3270. The "effective devaluation" rate was 19.2 per cent.
Gold was $2¼ down at $182.
SDR—$ was 1.19625 on Friday while SDR—£ was 0.513897.
Commodities: Sugar prices continued to forge ahead and the London daily price was raised £29 to a new peak of £559. Cocoa had gains ranging to £21.50 while coffee rose between £6.50 and £12.75. Copper advanced £6.50 but tin lost £32.50. Lead, zinc and LME silver were all lower. Reuters index was 7.7 higher at 1,257.7.
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	44.00	42.00
Belgium Fr	91.25	88.50
Canada $	2.36	2.31
Denmark Kr	14.15	13.75
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.75
France Fr	11.15	10.85
Germany DM	6.10	5.90
Greece Dr	73.50	70.50
Hongkong $	12.00	11.65
Italy Lr	1625.00	1575.00
Japan Yn	730.00	705.00
Netherlands Gld	6.25	6.05
Norway Kr	13.05	12.70
Portugal Esc	63.00	60.50
S Africa Rd	1.82	1.75
Spain Pes	137.00	132.00
Sweden Kr	10.35	10.05
Switzerland Fr	6.70	6.45
US $	2.38	2.33
Yugoslavia Dnr	43.00	40.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Row over status of engineering bodies

By Derek Harris

Controversy between different factions of professional engineers, in which the Council of Engineering Institutions has come under fire, will come to a head this week.

A confidential paper from the *CEI on restructuring the* organization of the profession has gone to some of its critics. It may spark off a big row over status among the various engineer grades which hinges to some extent, on channelling of professional fees.

The row is expected to break at a meeting next Friday of the CEI executive committee when the restructure plan and first reactions to it are to be considered.

Strong representations seem almost unavoidable from the three senior chartered engineers' organizations, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

These three bodies have criticized the present structure of the CEI, the umbrella body for the 15 chartered engineering institutions, including the three senior organizations. In a discussion paper the three have suggested the federal structure is ripe for dismantling.

The three institutions have suggested a new body, provisionally called the Institution of Engineers, to which all professional engineers would belong direct, which would be able to decide its executive board by direct vote.

This system would hopefully cool the long-standing battle between the chartered bodies and other non-chartered engineering organizations—representing more than half Britain's 500,000 professional engineers—by allowing non-chartered engineers, of an accepted standard, to join the hitherto exclusive chartered "club".

The CEI's confidential paper effectively suggests that technician engineers as individual members would have parity with chartered engineers, at present regarded as the top layer of the profession.

This is almost certain to draw opposition from at least the three senior chartered bodies on the grounds that the numerically superior technician engineers would *either finish up* running the new organization or, if voting were weighted against them, their being dissatisfied with their representational power.

One idea has recently been explored within the profession as a way out here—the creation of an Institution of Chartered *Engineers running in parallel* with an Institution of Technician Engineers.

NatWest denies claim by Sindona

Milan, Nov 11.—Financier Michele Sindona alleged in documents lodged with the Milan tribunal that losses on certain large foreign exchange operations undertaken by Banca Unione SpA and Banca Privata Finanziaria SpA should be attributed to the International Westminster Bank Ltd, a subsidiary of National Westminster Bank.

In London, a National Westminster Bank spokesman said: "The gentleman's affairs are in the hands of the court and we are not prepared to make any comment. As far as International Westminster Bank are concerned, they have absolutely no liability at all.

"International Westminster Bank, in the course of their business, have carried out *foreign exchange dealings all* over the world which have included contracts with the Sindona groups of banks, all of which have been fulfilled."

Signor Sindona claimed International Westminster bank designated the Sindona group on November 30, 1972, to carry out forward market unofficial offshore operations which by July, 1973, had amounted to the value of $4,300m (£1.7.91m).

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	1974 £	1973 £
Turnover	2,091,025	1,458,756
Profit before tax	270,810	155,088
Taxation	118,634	65,533
Profit after tax	152,176	89,555
Earnings per share	3·33 pence	1·96 pence

The increases of 43·4 per cent in turnover, and of 74·6 per cent in profit before tax, were achieved despite shortages of raw materials and appreciable increases in costs throughout the company. The increase in turnover was reflected in all companies within the Group, and every subsidiary reported higher profits than in the previous year.

It is difficult to forecast with any degree of certainty, but the year has started well and I am reasonably optimistic, but naturally our future results will depend on the level of the national economy.

F. W. Forbes, *Chairman*

Copies of the annual report can be obtained from The Secretary, Spencer Gears (Holdings) Limited, Roger Street, London WC1.

BP chairman calls on oil nations to avert world slump by investments

By Roger Vielvoye

A worldwide slump is inevitable unless the governments of oil-producing and consuming countries "take urgent concerted action" to cure the monetary imbalances caused by the dramatic rise in oil prices.

In a hard-hitting speech, Sir Eric Drake, chairman of British Petroleum, also gave a warning to the oil-producing countries that unless a solution was found within a year or two they would find "however unjustifiably, the responsibility for the economic welfare of the entire world on their shoulders".

Addressing the annual meeting of the American Petroleum Institute in New York, he said that while the banking system could help smooth over the difficult time of transition it could not alone deal with the root of the problem—oil-producing states becoming the world's bankers.

"This can only mean that the producing countries must make long-term investments or long-term loans in the countries to whom they are selling oil. If this is too much to hope, on the ground that those countries are reluctant to commit too much of their revenues to long-term investment, then the alternative can only be a state of affairs over the next 10 years or so in which we go from one makeshift expedient to another", Sir Eric said.

Such an uncontrollable situation "is the classic cause of *social unrest, economic collapse,* revolution or war. Not to recognize this stark reality is to behave like the traditional ostrich".

Unless concerted action was taken to tackle the problem as a matter of urgency by governments, then no part of the world would escape the inevitable world slump.

"But right now, unless the old rich and the newly rich countries get together to help them out, the effect on developing countries, especially those like India, Bangladesh, Tanzania, or Uruguay, who have practically no raw materials to export, must be disastrous", Sir Eric said.

Referring to the level of oil prices, he said there was little hope of any substantial easing

CBI's 54th industrial trends survey, October 1974

1 Are you more, or less, optimistic than you were four months ago about the general business situation in your industry

More	Same	Less
4	36	60

2 Do you expect to authorise more or less capital expenditure in the next twelve months than you authorised in the past twelve months on:

	More	Same	Less	N.A.
a. buildings	16	22	55	7
b. plant and machinery?	22	22	55	1

3 Is your present level of output below capacity (i.e., are you working below a satisfactory full rate of operation)

Yes	No	N.A.
56	41	3

Excluding seasonal variations, what has been the trend over the PAST FOUR MONTHS, and what are the expected trends for the NEXT FOUR MONTHS, with regard to:

	Trend over PAST FOUR MONTHS				Expected trend for NEXT FOUR MONTHS			
	Up	Same	Down	N.A.	Up	Same	Down	N.A.
4 Numbers employed	27	50	23	*	19	55	26	*
5 Value of total new orders	33	31	34	2	27	35	36	2
6 Value of output	50	29	19	2	44	35	19	2
7 Stocks of: a. raw materials and brought in supplies	44	36	19	2	19	44	36	2
b. finished goods	31	40	19	9	20	44	27	9
8 Average costs per unit of output	95	4	*	2	91	8	*	1
9 Average prices at which domestic orders are booked	75	22	1	2	73	22	3	2

10 What factors are likely to limit your output over the next four months. Please tick the most important factor or factors.

Orders or Sales	Skilled Labour	Other Labour	Plant Capacity	Credit or Finance	Materials or Components	Other
51	34	15	14	16	36	5

State aid urged to retain skilled Hawker teams

The Government has been urged to grant selective financial assistance to Hawker Siddeley to prevent the dispersal of skilled teams of workers following the company's decision to cancel the HS 146 airliner project.

Leaders of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) have also called on Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, to accelerate the Government's proposals for the nationalization of the British aircraft industry.

The ASTMS executive has suggested that the Government should also constitute an organizational committee before nationalization similar to that established when the steel industry was nationalized.

Minister moves to speed Selby development plea

By Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent

If the Selby coalfield is to meet its target of 10 million tons by the mid-1980s and make a valuable contribution to a national production target of about 150 million tons by that date, then the National Coal Board believes a start must be made on the new Selby mine by next spring.

For this reason the board has welcomed the decision by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, to call in for his own decision the board's application to develop Selby. The board feels that in this way planning procedures will be "expedited but not circumvented".

Under normal procedure the application would have been considered by the local planning authority, the North Yorkshire County Council, which would have taken into account the views of some 200 objectors to the £80m development. Their views would have been put to the minister, who would then have ordered a public inquiry.

Under the present arrangement the minister is to hold a public inquiry as quickly as possible.

County Councillor Peter Jaconelli, chairman of the county planning committee, said last night: "We are naturally disappointed because we would have liked to have given a decision ourselves, but we shall carry on our work in connexion with the development in the

Surveyors' chief puts case for national planning

Development controls are often too parochial, Mr Bernard Collins, new president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, said yesterday. He called for an approach to planning which combined clarity and unity of purpose with more agreed objectives, less negative control, and fewer delays and complications.

Referring to recent difficulties over the siting of facilities to build offshore oil rigs and platforms, he said: "It is easy enough to understand that practically nobody wants these rigs to be constructed in his own locality. But if they are essentially in the national interest, then it is surely very important for sites to be found quickly."

COSBA's software merger nearly through

The planned merger between the Computer Services and Bureaux Association (COSBA) and the Software Houses Association (SHA) is likely to be completed soon. An extraordinary general meeting of SHA is due to be held today.

This meeting has been called to obtain the authority of SHA members for the association's council to complete with COSBA the constitution of the new association. COSBA members have already authorized their council to negotiate to achieve the proposed merger.

Broad agreement has already been reached on the fundamental objectives and procedures for the new body.

According to the respective chairmne of the two associations, "great advantages" would accrue to the computer services industry from the increased strength of a merged association.

Computer news

Computel, the Bracknell-based bureau which is owned *jointly by the Richard Costain* and John Mowlem companies, has ordered an additional ICL 1904S computer and has "reserved" a 2970 model in ICL's new range, the 2900 series, it was announced in London yesterday.

Computel's 2900

Computel's turnover in the current financial year, it was stated, would exceed £800,000. This represents an increase of 40 per cent compared with 1973.

For companies considering acquiring their own ICL 2900-series computers but with limitations on capital expenditure, Computel suggests the use of the new Bracknell service could provide a convenient "halfway house".

Seconded to BCL

Mr Tony Warren, a director of the Triad software house, has been *seconded temporarily to* Business Computers (Systems), Ltd, as director of software services pending the appointment of a permanent director.

This follows the completion of the first phase of software work by the receiver of the former Business Computers Ltd, Mr Ian Watt of Thomson McLintock & Co. BCL (the former company's initials are being retained by the new company) has now reorganized its software division and further work on the receiver's account will be undertaken by this division.

The new BCL is a member of the Computer World Trade Group, and from December 1 CWT will bear prime responsibility for the BCL software staff. Up to that date this responsibility has been carried by the receiver, with Triad holding a management contract (which will continue until the receiver's interests in the old BCL contracts have been completed).

Flexidata system

The Basic/Four business computer system, developed by the Basic/Four International Corporation of California, is to be marketed in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland by Flexidata Computers, London.

Software Sciences has been retained to advise and provide support on all software and systems, and Cable & Wireless will provide maintenance

Kenneth Owen

10,000 laid off by disputes at car and steel plants

By R. W. Shakespeare

Car production at two Midland plants was at a standstill yesterday because of labour disputes, with more than 5,000 workers made idle. But in other sectors of the motor industry 10,000 workers who were laid off last week were recalled.

At the Chrysler car plant at Ryton, Coventry, 1,500 day shift workers had to be laid off and car assembly operations halted because of an overtime ban by *70 millwrights* which prevented weekend maintenance work from being carried out. This work was done yesterday and production was being resumed on the night shift last night.

At British Leyland's Triumph plant, also in Coventry, production is still halted by a strike of 25 control room operators who are *demanding* an interim pay increase. Another 3,000 production workers are laid off.

Settlement of the strike by 1,300 workers at the Briish Leyland car body plant at Castle Bromwich, where another 5,000 men were laid off last week, enabled production to resume yestrday.

This in turn meant that 2,000 Jaguar car workers at Coventry could be recalled with another 600 day shift workers from the Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

Llanwern stopped: More than 5,000 workers at the British Steel Corporation's Llanwern plant in South Wales will be idle from this morning, and the management has given a warning that the £200m steelworks will remain at a standstill until the latest crop of labour problems is settled.

Cause of the trouble is a stoppage by 120 technical and supervisory staff who are demanding a "substantial" pay increase. Other workers have refused to cross picket lines.

Business appointments

Mr Anthony Barber rejoins Bridon board

Mr Anthony Barber, the former Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, has rejoined the board of **Bridon** as a non-executive director.

Mr G. B. Nelson is appointed group managing director of **H. P. Bulmer**. Mr P. J. Prior remains chairman, but is no longer chief executive. Mr P. A. W. Green becomes director of the cider division.

Mr P. G. F. Tillett, finance controller of **Grants of St James's**, has been appointed a director.

Mr Basil Winham and Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith are appointed to the board of **Town And City Properties**. Mr Bruce Macphail becomes deputy managing director.

Mr D. B. Berry is to be managing director and chief executive of **Refuge Assurance**. Mr A. T. Booth is named as the new assistant managing director, and Mr P. W. D. Smith deputy chairman.

Mr J. E. Sunderland will relinquish his position as managing director of **Delta Metal**, cables division, but will remain chairman. Mr E. W. Webber is to succeed him as managing director. Mr O. S. Johnson will become director-in-charge of all United Kingdom operations of the division.

Mr T. G. G. Peterson is made chief executive of **Unicorn Industries'** grinding wheel division.

Mr G. Jardine has become financial controller and company secretary of **Kraft Foods** in a management restructuring. Mr G. F. Pierce is to be public and trade relations director, Mr W. B. Chalmers, management services director, Mr N. Brand, production facilities director, Mr J. C. Foley, marketing director, Mr W. Dimmick, sales and physical distribution director, and Mr B. R. Hughes, purchasing director.

Sir Richard Pease, a vice-chairman of Barclays Bank, has been made a director of **Barclays Bank (London and International)** and of **Barclays Export and Finance**.

Mr P. J. Vinson has been elected chairman of the **British Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association**. Mr B. R. Bensley becomes vice-chairman.

Mr A. E. Gibbins has been made chairman and Mr C. A. D. Black managing director of **J. A. Crabtree**, a subsidiary of **Ever Ready**, with effect from January 1, following the resignation of Mr J. A. Crabtree.

Mr Richard A. Holmes is now chairman of **Advance Electronics** in succession to Sir Edward Howard.

Mr A. Kaye has been appointed chief executive of the mining machinery division of **Dobson Park Industries**. Mr W. H. Jones has been made deputy chief executive and division manufacturing director and Mr F. Small divisional director and general manager (sales and technical).

Mr Ronald W. Smith has joined the board of **Ashbourne Investments**.

Mr Ken Best is now on the board of **Coventry Climax Engines**.

Mr Philip Chandler has been made commercial manager of **Dalgety UK** and a director of a number of subsidiaries including Dalgety Foods, Dalgety Frozen Foods and Alta Lipids.

Mr William G. Cowan, Mr George H. Doughty, Mr John M. Gray, Mr David W. Gentleman, Mr Colin H. H. King, Mr Gerald Long and Miss Althea McNish are new members of the **Design Council**. Viscount Caldecote and nine members of the council were reappointed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Budget needs to recognize stock market role in channelling funds to industry

From Mr G. Ross Russell

Sir, Industry's need for cash is likely to be a subject of the Budget. In this context may we hope for recognition of the role of savings in meeting industry's capital requirements through the mechanism of the stock market?

The stock market supplies the mechanism to channel new funds to industry: the mechanism is still there, and was shown last month by Commercial Union to be *in* working order. It is the investors who have gone "on strike" and are unwilling to risk their funds except at rates which, in many cases, are quite unacceptable to industry having regard to the level of profits to be earned from new investment.

The reasons for this "strike" of capital can largely be blamed on inflation. Nevertheless, the situation is made worse by fiscal measures against those who might otherwise cut their consumption in order to save for the future.

Savings have a vital role in helping to finance industrial expansion. May this role be recognized by measures to encourage ordinary citizens to save rather than consume? If we accept the social justice of a wealth tax, can the saver not be given some alleviation from excess tax on income from his savings while he is striving to qualify for this tax?

Unless the investor is assured of an efficient market-place which will allow him to encash his investment, should circumstances require it, he will be reluctant to invest in the first place, or will require the prospect of an even greater return to compensate for the lack of marketability of the holding.

Can we hope for some recognition of the importance of the mechanism supplied by the stock market to channel savers' funds to industry, by removing some of the fiscal measures which impede it operating efficiently as a secondary market where investors can buy and sell existing securities?

The removal of stamp duty on transfers of industrial loan capital would be of substantial help in this direction.

As regards equities, the investor might be allowed to set off capital losses against past as well as against future capital profits. In addition, the Government might take the opportunity to distinguish between the short-term "speculator" and the long-term "investor" by choosing an arbitrary date of, say, one year beyond which capital gains tax would not apply or would be applied at a diminishing rate.

The effect of such actions would greatly improve a marketability of existing stocks and shares which would, in turn, make it easier for industry to raise funds through The Stock Exchange.

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From Mr S. D. Appleton

Sir, In your issue of November 6 George Copeman took us on a pleasant trip around the economic nursery but, much as I sympathize with the theories he illustrated so charmingly, I am cynical enough not to expect any fairy-tale response by Mr Healey.

Dare I say that one way of removing the "anomaly" to which Dr Copeman refers would be to restore the legislation whereby a stock dividend was again taxed as a distribution?

Joking apart, it is obviously right to appeal for such a sensible change as is proposed in the article and to give employees here the tax advantage enjoyed by workers in the United States and France. This would encourage greater interest among employees in the success of their companies and go some way towards mitigating demands for cash now.

However, it may be some time before such common sense prevails, and it is heartening that in the meantime so many employers already recognize the need for greater involvement *by employees and are pressing* on with the development of profit-sharing plans.

Such plans, incidentally, with corporation tax at 52 per cent, can improve cash flow by as much as £19 per £100 of profit appropriated.

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From Mr David Lewis

Sir, The Budget will be according to informed opinion, substantially intended to assist the profitability and liquidity of industry.

If proper measures are taken to reduce the tax burden, both in percentage terms and in terms of the calculation of profit upon which such tax is *payable, then industry will* undoubtedly have its confidence revived and will begin to resume long term investment with the consequent benefits to employment and the economy generally.

It is however essential to be reminded that the banking system, which will need to be able to have the capacity to substantially make the finance available to facilitate such investment, is at present still in an extremely difficult position through the inability of the property sector to repay loans to it.

The control of business rents, *which has been in force since November, 1972, giving a* complete freeze on rents passing, irrespective of when the rent was agreed, has caus institutional investment property, other than whe rent has only just been agre on a new letting, to effective dry up.

The intended abolition rent control in March, 19 will follow a short transitio period when rents may rise November, 1972, values duri the latter part of 1975, so t in most cases rents will h been absolutely frozen three years or more. The tortion that this has created of no lasting benefit to sector of the business c munity or to the economy a whole.

It is well established and of course the ultimate fall of such controls that a sh keeper with a controlled will not sell his goods a lesser price than his next-d neighbour in the same busi who is paying a proper ma rent. The institutional in tors have continued to exceptionally cautious over final abolition of such cont and a statement from Chancellor either reaffirm that these controls will inc be abolished in March, 1976 more importantly that will be abolished in early 1 would be of major signific to these long-term funds.

A resumption of their in *ment will greatly enhance* ability of the banking secto finance the expansion of dustry which hopefully wil ready to resume when Chancellor restores confid through an improvement liquidity and profitability the Budget.

The banking sector is present subject to a " core" lending to not property companies but to dustrial companies where loans are secured upon properties and only a res tion of confidence from ins tional investors, who will buy properties in anticipa of the receipt of a market in due course, will elimi this situation. The contin distortion which dries up *supply of properties to let* causes tenants to seek miums, which in today's fi cial atmosphere are extre difficult for occupants to is of no benefit to the ciency of industry in widest sense.

It is to be hoped that Chancellor will take opportunity of removing freeze at an early date so property values and fin secured upon such values again become a source of s lity at the heart of economy, rather than present unsatisfactory s mate.

Yours faithfully,
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Different areas of conflict in argument over erosion of corporate liquidity

From Mr J. W. Bishop

Sir, It is unfortunate that your Economics Editor chooses to describe in such gladiatorial terms the apparent discrepancy between the view of Merrett and Sykes and that of Godley and Wood on the erosion of corporate liquidity as a consequence of inflation. It seems to me that the two pairs of protagonists are not performing in the same arena.

The work of Merrett and Sykes was based on the actual situation of the economy, and therefore the corporate sector, in the year 1974, featured as it was and is by a high and increasing rate of overall inflation combined with tough official controls on the selling prices of industry.

The view of Godley and Wood, on the other hand, appears to be based on a greatly simplified model (such as is only appropriate to the academic, rather than to the practical, economist) of a corporate sector subject in three successive periods to no inflation, 30 per cent inflation of costs only, and 30 per cent inflation of selling prices only.

It is hardly surprising, therefore, that their conclusions seem to be on a different plane from those of Merrett and Sykes.

It is certainly true that if companies are fully aware of the distortions produced by inflation in their conventionally accounted profits and are then both able and willing to price their goods to give an adequate real profit return and net cash flow, little damage may occur through tax being charged on their conventionally determined profit.

This is, however, quite unlike the real situation of companies in 1974, which is that prices are strictly controlled on the basis of historic costs and conventionally determined profit margins and that companies are not permitted to recover even after some delay more than a proportion of the now rapid rise in wage costs.

In these circumstances, the erosion of the financial resources of the corporate sector, particularly as long as the rate of overseas trading deficit exceeds the rate of budget deficit, cannot be avoided.

The main key to easing present strains on the corpo sector, however, lies not tinkering with the tax sys but in substantial relaxatio the Price Code, especially regard to allowing the ful nearly full recovery of incre in labour costs incurred s the abandonment of statu wage control.

Although some short- assistance for companies in form of partial defermen remission of tax shortly pay may well also be neede would, I feel, by a pity if h adjustments to the tax basi companies were to be attem in front of the report of Sandilands Committee on I tion Accounting.

This, one hopes, will c mainly the longer-term quest and wider ones raised by topic, which are not the ject of the present debate the plight of the corpo sector.

Yours faithfully,
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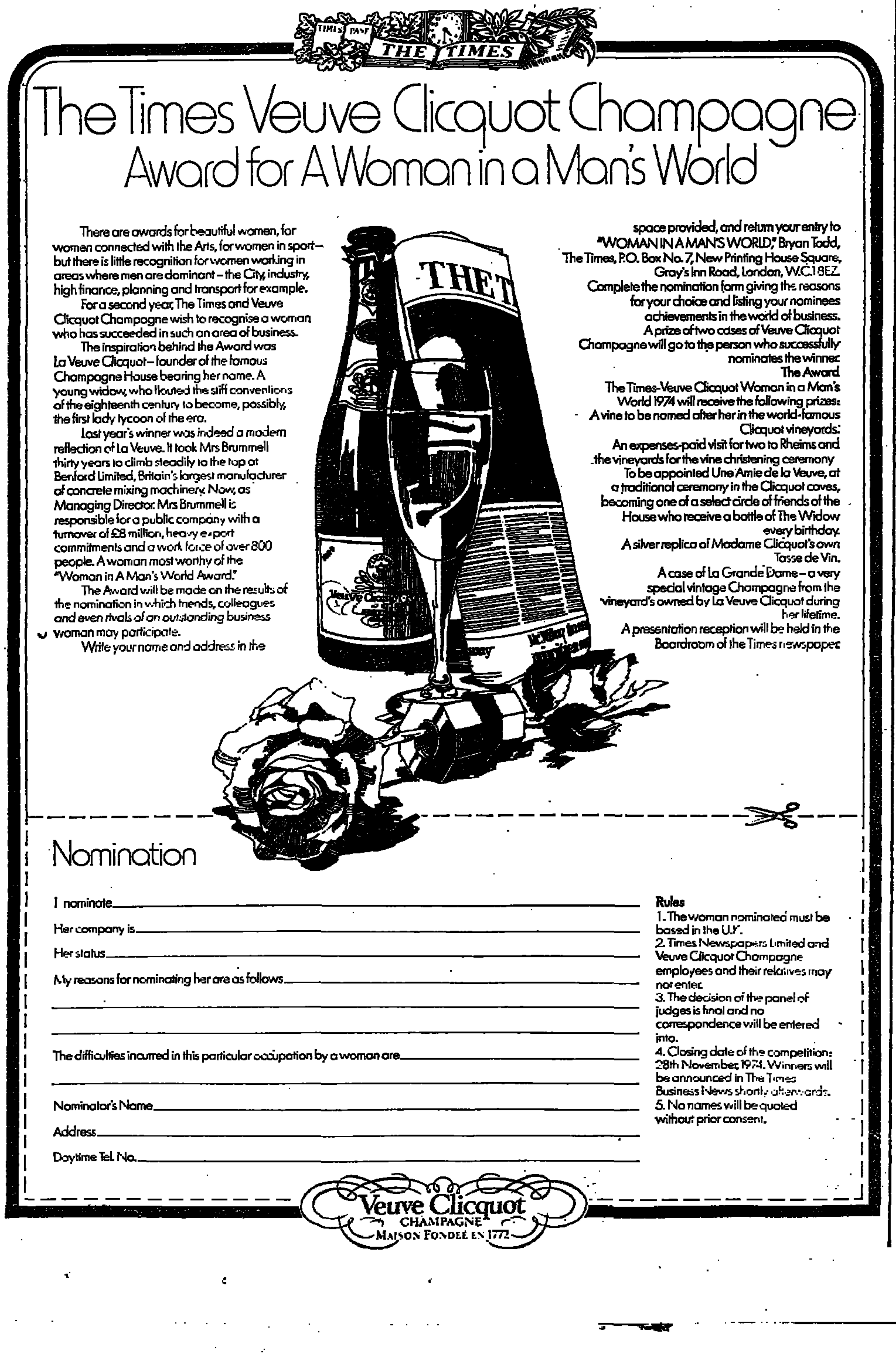

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

The Times Veuve Clicquot Champagne Award for A Woman in a Man's World

There are awards for beautiful women, for women connected with the Arts, for women in sport—but there is little recognition for women working in areas where men are dominant—the City, industry, high finance, planning and transport for example.

For a second year, The Times and Veuve Clicquot Champagne wish to recognise a woman who has succeeded in such an area of business.

The inspiration behind the Award was La Veuve Clicquot—founder of the famous Champagne House bearing her name. A young widow, who flouted the stiff conventions of the eighteenth century to become, possibly, the first lady tycoon of the era.

Last year's winner was indeed a modern reflection of La Veuve. It took Mrs Brummell thirty years to climb steadily to the top at Benford Limited, Britain's largest manufacturer of concrete mixing machinery. Now, as Managing Director, Mrs Brummell is responsible for a public company with a turnover of £8 million, heavy export commitments and a work force of over 800 people. A woman most worthy of the "Woman in A Man's World Award."

The Award will be made on the results of the nomination in which friends, colleagues and even rivals of an outstanding business woman may participate.

Write your name and address in the space provided, and return your entry to "WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD," Bryan Todd, The Times, P.O. Box No. 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1 8EZ.

Complete the nomination form giving the reasons for your choice and listing your nominees achievements in the world of business.

A prize of two cases of Veuve Clicquot Champagne will go to the person who successfully nominates the winner.

The Award

The Times-Veuve Clicquot Woman in a Man's World 1974 will receive the following prizes:

A vine to be named after her in the world-famous Clicquot vineyards.

An expenses-paid visit for two to Rheims and the vineyards for the vine christening ceremony.

To be appointed Une Amie de la Veuve, at a traditional ceremony in the Clicquot caves, becoming one of a select circle of friends of the House who receive a bottle of The Widow every birthday.

A silver replica of Madame Clicquot's own Tasse de Vin.

A case of La Grande Dame—a very special vintage Champagne from the vineyard's owned by La Veuve Clicquot during her lifetime.

A presentation reception will be held in the Boardroom of the Times newspaper.

Nomination

I nominate________
Her company is________
Her status________
My reasons for nominating her are as follows________
The difficulties incurred in this particular occupation by a woman are________
Nominator's Name________
Address________
Daytime Tel. No.________

Rules
1. The woman nominated must be based in the U.K.
2. Times Newspapers Limited and Veuve Clicquot Champagne employees and their relatives may not enter.
3. The decision of the panel of judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. Closing date of the competition: 28th November, 1974. Winners will be announced in The Times Business News shortly afterwards.
5. No names will be quoted without prior consent.

Veuve Clicquot
CHAMPAGNE
MAISON FONDÉE EN 1772

Another year of progress

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Frank Webster, Year ended 30th June 1974

- Pre-tax profits increased to £853,748 from £722,647.
- Dividend increased for the 7th successive year.
- Ample resources available for further development.
- Current year opened with order books at record levels.
- Development of Industrial Estate continuing.

ELECO HOLDINGS LIMITED

The Board of Management of Akzo N.V. announces that on 11th November 1974, the results for the third quarter of 1974 were published.

Copies of this quarterly report may be obtained from the London Paying Agent:

Barclays Bank Limited
Branche Securities Department
54, Lombard Street
LONDON EC3P - 3 AH

Akzo

Arnhem, 11th November, 1974

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A recovery scenario for Joseph Lucas

…e more common theo- er in the year was that : profits in 1974 would rst as a result of the week and later as a of the deflationary f the rise in the oil This would have been by a gradual recovery In fact, most British *s emerged from the* week in considerably ettle than even they ikely and, though many starting to feel the of a slowdown in profits in many cases g to be comfortably f last year—if once rgely thanks to stock while it is the prospect that is now the main r concern.

ynearer the theory than generally happened in however, has been the ce of Joseph Lucas es). Against a tenta- im estimate that three- king would cost the ome £8m for the full end July), the total is at around £9m—and measure Lucas throws xternal disputes took a bite out of budgeted while the productivity n under the price con- t it around £5m. Even rely allowing for a *alf cost of three-day of* some £3.5m does that there was a reason- m undertone to profits cond six months, albeit rgins remained under . And the point now em to be that Lucas can strong profit recovery, carrying it beyond the pre-tax figure of as a reasonably firm ion.

how much faith the is going to put in that proposition is another though since the post- shakeout the shares rformed well against the . For all that, the tale cas at this stage is that equipment in the United m (taking in exports) is up well at the moment at prospects for such as diesel engine equip- look good. In addition, is the hope of full y in the aircraft equip- division, where in the year *profits came back* .3.5m to £1.2m as a result e-day working, delays in g on price increases and ionally high development on MRCA components.

rseas, where profits were om £7.5m to £9.5m last prospects look reasonable aging too. While Lucas that Europe was far *eing its strongest growth t year, it is now able to* a steadily increasing share on the back of *tracts with Volkswagen,* and Daimler-Benz. That, is probably the kind of the shares will need, a yield of 12.9 per cent nd that fact that there positive net cash posi- ter last year's £23m investment and a £16m in working capital.

973/74 (1972/73)
zation £37.5m
53m (£399m)
profits £17.6m (£26.7m)
s per share 13.2p (24p)
d gross 7.35p (7p)

Mr Bernard Scott, chairman of Joseph Lucas: three-day week losses now put at around £9m.

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imated 6.8 per cent in withdrawals of spirits nd in the six months to l of September, and a performance by wines, d news for the brewers. standard bottle of currently retailing at the 250p mark (the same in 1968) and with wines holding their prices relatively stable into the bargain, the sector appears a little exposed to any duty increases today.

True, beer production for the year to September increased by 3.9 per cent but that is scant consolation. Substantial increases in volume in recent years have meant deferment of closures of older, less economic breweries to cope with demand. Meanwhile, other costs have continued to rise with frequent price adjustments failing to counter the three months delay between applications and the 50 per cent productivity deduction.

W. Greenwell's latest analysis Quarterly Comment of the sector understandably takes a lukewarm view. Indeed, Greenwell's projections of a mere 3 per cent decline in pre-tax profits for the larger brewers in the year to September 1974 looks optimistic if anything, as does the expectation that the current year will see only 2 per cent lower profits.

A restructuring of the Prices Code could bear out Greenwell's 1974-75 estimate. But a postulated maintained £57m pre-tax total for 1973-74 for Bass Charrington after a 4.6 per cent drop for the first 28 weeks and an increase in Allied's profits of £1¼m to £64½—and this from a brewer with a 40 per cent *wines and spirits content and a decline in United Kingdom profits in the first 32 weeks*—is in line with market thinking. My view, though, is that the market and *Greenwells* are being too optimistic.

Fibres

AKZO confirms the trend

AKZO's third quarter statement gives some indication of the speed with which the European fibres industry has gone from boom to slump this year. Within the past two or three months all the larger producers, with the notable exception of United Kingdom companies, have announced cutbacks and short-time working in the face of what AKZO described yesterday as a "world-wide stagnation in sales".

The writing is clearly on the wall for United Kingdom producers as well, and Courtaulds's interim statement tomorrow might give some guide as to the extent of the downturn *in the second half of the* year. Up to now the United Kingdom has seemed curiously immune from events on the Continent. Latest retail figures show consumer-demand still bubbling along. Shortages created by the Flixborough disaster, the three-day week, the strikes in Ulster and at Courtaulds's rayon plant at Greenfields did bring about a backlog of demand, while an important factor has been the huge margins enjoyed on exporting United Kingdom production into hard currency areas.

But the gap between United Kingdom and European fibre prices has narrowed over the past few weeks from something *like a third in the most* lucrative areas, to a mere 5 per cent,

At home, ICI's success in wringing increases from the Price Commission coincided neatly with the onset of lower prices in continental Europe and an easing of the supply position at home which makes it virtually impossible for the group to make higher prices stick.

Another worrying feature is that the worst may be yet to come. From AKZO's statement yesterday it is quite clear that the European cutbacks have been triggered as much by the burdens of financing high stock levels in an era of stratospheric interest rates, as by the depressed level of demand

In 1975 the problem of overcapacity will compound the situation. There are crude estimates that by the end of next year enough extra capacity will be on stream in areas like acrylics, polyesters and nylon to make 1973's boom year production equivalent to between *just 60 or 70 per cent* of the total capacity available.

Third quarter: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization Fl 102,000m
Sales Fl 2,629.2m (Fl 2,231m)
Pre-tax profits
Fl 118.1m (Fl 133.2m)

Australian Estates

Speculative flavours

Sir Charles Johnston, new chairman of Australian Estates, arrived back from Australia last Friday, following suggestions a couple of weeks ago that North Broken Hill and Colonial Sugar were eyeing the sugar and pastoral group. He has apparently visited all the sugar mills and plantations for the first time, and the sheep stations as well. But not, it seems, the Federal Government in Canberra, reportedly keen to see key Australian interests under domestic control.

Moreover, Sir Charles has made no headway in plans to move group domicile out there and he denies any formal bid approach. Nevertheless, the shares have continued to gain ground; the voting shares, *still* effectively controlled by the Lowson empire through various trusts have risen in active dealing by 32p to 202p, a new 1974 peak while the non-voters have gone up by 45p to 165p.

This is all partly explained by the unwinding of the Lowson empire (Sir Denys Lowson has left Australian Estates altogether) and the belief that Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International has passed his "A" shares in a "put-through" to the North Broken Hill stable. *Last* January Sir Charles reported that News then had a fifth of the non-voting capital and 2 per cent of the ordinary.

Equally important is the booming trade the group is doing in sugar, and the profits it will make this year. Last year sugar profits were £3.7m, and given the sugar boom they could be as much as £9m this year.

Thus, we may be talking about a p/e ratio of less than 5.7, *but capital gain is the name* of the game in Australian Estates with 300p being suggested as the bid price for the ordinary and 200p for the "A".

Uses and abuses of stock appreciation

The main purpose of our first article was to bring precision to the discussion of profits and stock appreciation. For the most part we seem to have succeeded.

Specifically, nearly everyone now agrees that the original assertions of Professor A. J. Merrett and Allen Sykes (*Financial Times* September 30) are incorrect. It will be recalled that they stated, emphatically and unconditionally, that what they call "profits from stock *appreciation" are wholly fictitious*" and not "in any sense" a part of profitability.

Among other things, the table in their article treats stock appreciation as something which should be deducted before arriving at "net profits", exactly on a par with interest payments. Since we published our article neither Merrett and Sykes nor anyone else has defended this point of view, which seems to us to arise from a complete misapprehension of the nature of stock appreciation.

Indeed, the very words "stock appreciation" are profoundly misleading, since they suggest the existence of a capital gain where there is none; as long as stocks are valued for tax and accounting purposes, at cost or realizable value, whichever is lower, no captial gain of the kind implied can possibly arise.

The words were invented by the British national income accountants. A much better phrase, because it contains no suggestion of this kind, is that used by the United States national income accountants, namely "inventory valuation adjustment".

In reality there is no such thing as "profit from stock appreciation". The profit from the sale of goods in a period is the excess of receipts over what it cost to produce those same goods.

The procedure adopted by accountants for measuring this is to add to the expenditures made in the period the opening *value of stocks, which in effect* measures those costs incurred in previous periods with respect to goods sold in the period in question. At the same time, they subtract the closing value of stocks, because this in effect *measures those costs incurred* in the current period with respect to goods which will be sold in future periods.

In this way, the profit realized on the sales of the period is correctly isolated, irrespective of whether the stock is replaced at the same or higher prices.

All of which is simply to restate our original argument in somewhat different terms. However, a number of additional issues have been raised on which we would like to comment here.

Perhaps the most important concerns the fact that we ruled equity capital out of our model by excluding fixed capital and assuming that stocks were 100 per cent financed by borrowing. It has been suggested by Pro*fessor Day (The Observer*, November 3; see also the letters by Professor P. D. J. Wiles and Geoffrey Wood in *The Times*, November 11) that this vitiates our argument.

Day points out correctly that in reality stocks are partly financed by equity capital. Thus, in the context of our example, where all increases in stocks are 100 per cent financed by borrowing, the *money* value of the company's equity capital remains constant in the face of inflation (regardless of the size of the initial gearing ratio), which implies a decline in its *real* value.

This, he argues, proves that we were wrong in asserting that stock appreciation is true profit. But Professor Day's conclusion does not rest (as readers of his article might be led to *believe) on any matter of logic* or of fact.

It rests instead on a value judgment, namely that profits

Wynne Godley and Adrian Wood reply to their critics

ought to be defined as the surplus over and above any expenditure necessary to maintain the *real* book value of *equity capital constant.* There is something to be said for this as an ethical proposition, although, as Martin Gibbs rightly notes in his letter (*The Times*, November 8), there is more than one possible meaning of "real" in this context.

But it would be highly unjust if this principle were to become the basis of company taxation without a corresponding change being made in the basis of taxation of every sort of income from wealth. For at present companies are taxed on exactly the same basis as, for example, widows and pensioners who own fixed interest securities; their income is defined for tax purposes as the surplus over and above any expenditure necessary to maintain the *money* book value of their capital constant.

Merrett and Sykes, incidentally, *appear in their most* recent contribution (*The Times*, November 7, especially paragraphs 7 and 9) to be advocating an exceedingly novel criterion for measuring profits, namely that profits should be *defined* for company tax purposes as the surplus over and above any expenditure necessary to maintain the *stock market* value of the equity capital constant.

In the above discussion of Professor Day's point we have retained our original assumption that *increases* in stocks are 100 per cent financed by borrowing. We have been criticized by many people (eg, Merrett and Sykes, *The Times*, November 7, and R. E. Artus and Patrick Perry in their letters, *The Times*, November 11), for making this assumption, on the grounds that in practice the risks and disadvantages of lending and borrowing are such that both banks and companies will *be unwilling to increase over*drafts by the full amount of the increase in the value of their stocks. But our critics have missed the point.

The explicitly stated conclusion of our original article was that stock appreciation, in so far as it *causes problems, does* so precisely because for one reason or another companies are unable or unwilling to borrow enough from banks or similar institutions to finance the whole of any increase in the value of their stocks.

For this very reason we suggested that the solution to the liquidity problems caused by stock appreciation might lie in the Government providing some alternative type of loan.

This, as Sir Donald MacDougall pointed out in his letter (*The Times*, November 6), could be accomplished in part by the postponement (as distinct from the remission) of company tax liability on that part of profits which corresponds to stock appreciation.

We would like to conclude by emphasizing that, in the context of political economy as a whole, the parts of our first article which dealt with the proper definition of profit made no more than a minor logical point. But the ensuing discussion has inevitably touched on a number of fundamental issues.

For example, Merrett and Sykes (November 7) seem to doubt that, in the absence of price control, the comp y sector as a whole could pass on increased interest charges in the form of higher prices with*out* suffering a reduction in sales volume. For reasons which are beyond the scope of the present article, we are of the contrary opinion, although we recognize that a great deal turns on the nature of the Government's macroeconomic objectives and policies.

More important, we are also inclined to believe for similar reasons that, in the absence of price control, increases or decreases in taxes on profits are eventually more or less *completely* passed on in the form of higher or lower prices. For this reason the whole issue of what is the "proper" basis for assessing taxable profits seems to us to be *sub specie aeternitatis*, of little importance.

Of much greater practical relevance at the present time is the question of whether price control is a desirable way of trying to contain inflation. For what it is worth, we believe (and perhaps Merrett and Sykes would join us in this) that it is not.

Fresh chance for the unquoted company

In the palmy days of May, 1972, when Stock Exchange levels (and confidence) were at an all-time high, a cartoon appearing in the Dutch financial journal, *De Telegraaf*, seemed to sum up perfectly the neo-imperialist mood of the City of London.

It showed a formidable army of pinstripe suited, bowler-hatted stockbrokers armed with siege hammers and other machines of war, forcing their way into the Amsterdam stock exchange. These were the days when London seemed set to take continental bourses by storm and to become the financial centre of Europe.

They were the days, too, *when many people in the City* as well as commentators outside it, believed that London had a mission to free continental companies from the domination of banks, holding companies or the state. They had only to be persuaded of the virtues of raising funds through a stock exchange (preferably London's) rather than from these sources for their financial freedom to be assured.

Irony

Then came the crash. The Stock Exchange, as measured by the *FT* Index, plunged to nearly one-third of its 1972 high, and virtually dried up as a source of equity funds. United Kingdom companies became increasingly dependent upon retained earnings and bank finance, to the point where now it seems that they can be spared insolvency only by some such innovation as the introduction of a Lever-type medium term credit bank.

The rich irony of this situation is hardly likely to appeal to the London stock market community even if its members now have plenty *of time to savour it*, with activity at such a low ebb. The wheel really has come full circle and not only because British companies are faced with the prospect of becoming more bank dominated themselves.

The Lever bank could well develop into a French-type state savings institution, attracting *medium term* deposits from the public and lending them on to industry, and the proposed National Enterprise Board looks remarkably like one of the Italian parastatal corporations such as IRI.

Thus the whole concept of wider share ownership, so long favoured in this country as an expression of democratic capitalism, is being called increasingly in question. The banks may find themselves willy-nilly locked into industrial *situations for which the only* reasonable collateral is equity, and the Lever bank or the NEB may become important equity partners.

If the decline of the equity cult among smaller shareholders in Britain has prompted a fundamental reappraisal of our system of industry financing it might also lead to a re-examination of the role of private or "public unquoted" companies within the economy. If the financing ratios of companies are to be altered (at least pending a stock market revival) to give a greater dependence on loan capital and on a few powerful shareholders then the distinction between quoted and unquoted companies will become less sharp.

Where the larger unquoted companies do claim a distinction, however, through their mouthpiece the Unquoted Companies Group, is in the efficient way in which they employ their capital. This was corroborated *in a study* by the former Department of Employment and Productivity, which compared 263 unquoted companies in the metal and engineering sectors with 133 quoted ones.

From total sources of funds available to them the unquoted companies invested 67½ per cent more in fixed assets than the quoted ones while quoted companies spent 133 per cent more in dividends. The unquoted companies' rate of return on capital was 14.4 per cent on average against 12.2 per cent for the quoted groups.

The Unquoted Companies Group was founded by Mr Emmanuel Kaye, head of the unquoted Lansing Bagnall concern and by Sir David Brown, of the equally private David Brown Corporation, to lobby in Whitehall and elsewhere.

Overshadowed

Emmanuel Kaye is a stern defender of the private company faith. "We all feel we can make a better contribution to the national economy and do a better job industrially as unquoted companies", he says. While a member of the UCG before Pilkington Brothers went public Lord Pilkington went on record as saying that, "the private companies, being free from the danger of takeover, are the ones that are able to take really long views and to invest in the distant future without the need to consider an immediate profit.

"This is a real point, and *something where* they have a great advantage over any but the very largest of all public companies." Pilkingtons financed its world famous float-glass process while still unquoted and Lord Pilkington makes the point that he would hardly have risked public shareholders' money rather than family money in a venture of this magnitude.

These arguments are inevitably overshadowed to some extent by the current liquidity *crisis* affecting *industry* and deriving from the penal taxation of profits artificially boosted through inflation. But Kaye's underlying thesis—that British companies have limited capital investment in order to maximize profits and share prices against takeover, as well as distributing too much by way of dividends—may still get a hearing in the current debate over industry financing.

He points to the recent plight of the United Kingdom machine tool industry, dominated by quoted companies who "went on paying out dividends when they should have been investing to beat competition".

Similar *sentiments* have been expressed by people such as the Baron Leon Lambert, chairman of the Compagnie Bruxelles Lambert. Though nominally deferring to the vogue that London would quickly become the financial centre of Europe, he was critical of the collapse and eventual rescue of United Kingdom groups like Rolls-Royce. These could have been averted under the Belgian holding company system, he suggested at the time.

It is true that, as their name implies, the holding companies *do* exert a tight hold over their subsidiaries in Belgium, German bankers *do* sit on the boards of and help manage the affairs of the companies they invest in; the French banques d'affaires *do* actually help run the companies where they have equity holdings, and the Italian parastatal corporations keep their subsidiaries on a tight rein.

However, while some think that to acknowledge this is to condone a dangerous concentration of power in the continental system, others see it as a source of strength and continuity in the development of European industry. The efficiency record of, say, German or French industry lends some support to the latter view.

It is also argued that continental companies tend to starve their shareholders of information by Anglo-Saxon standards. This is probably true, given that most of the shares are in anonymous, bearer form, anyway. But the banks, holding companies and other controlling institutions have access to the information they need through their appointees on company boards. This is dealt *with more fully* in my forthcoming book.*

As one of the co-authors of this book comments, Michelin, is the exception to every modern management recipe for success. It is run on the most antiquated paternalistic lines. The Anglo-Saxon style financial analyst would not be allowed within miles of the place. And yet the formula works, for almost alone among the French companies Michelin has successfully competed against the American giants.

Welcome

Michelin's secrecy is rivalled perhaps only by the equally secretive (and successful) Dassault aviation group in France, by the Brenninkmeyer family behind the Dutch C & A, and the powerful Flick and Quandt family interests in Germany.

If Britain is now to develop a more institutional orienta*tion in the ownership of in*dustry—via an investment banking type approach—there are many among the ranks of the unquoted companies who would welcome this. It *might* ease their path from family company to quoted company status without the attendant risks of exposing themselves to bidders and total loss of control. Companies such as Rubery Owen, the Midlands engineering groups as well as many of the construction companies could well be cases in point.

* *The Barons of European Industry*, edited by Anthony Rowley, published by Croom Helm Ltd, price £3.95 in United Kingdom.

Anthony Rowley

Business Diary: Domine dirige nos • Prior notice

show and the banquet e new Lord Mayor, Sir Fox, sets out today on *oral year with the assist-* f new public relations ants to the Corporation City of London.

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"This disturbing image, compounded of age, lethargy, stubborness, pomposity and arro*gance has not been willed on* the Corporation by others. It has undoubtedly come from within and been brought upon itself."

Quotes from people interviewed by the consultants range from: "We are like an expensive top quality modern present, wrapped in a luxurious and traditional wrapper" to: "The traditional and representational functions are carried out well. As for its role of local authority—any new authority could handle the mundane chores as well if not better."

Bulmer trinity

The decision of Peter Prior to *hand over the chief executive's* chair at Hereford cider-makers H. P. Bulmer makes another opening for fellow Urwick Orr alumnus Peter Green.

Green, who is currently the director in charge of cider production, is to step into the shoes of the cider division's managing director Brian Nelson who in turn takes Prior's place as group managing director.

Both Prior and Green were *with Urwick Orr* before taking to the cider, and there is yet another Urwick Orr man on the board, Brian Webster, managing director of the pectin division—pectin, being a substance extracted from the apples and used for gelling jam.

There are no prizes for guessing who handles consultancy assignments at Bulmer's.

Prior told Business Diary yesterday that he intends to remain very much the executive *chairman, having inherited the* job only last year when Bertram Bulmer stepped down to take a non-executive directorship. Prior is also a director of the English Tourist Board, the East Midlands Electricity Board and the *British Sugar Corporation*.

Bulmer's Peter Prior: apple of his eye.

If there is an Urwick Orr trinity on the Bulmer board, then there is a Bulmer quartet. Besides Bertram, there is his son, Giles, who handles raw materials and R & D, cousin *Esmond, Tory MP for Kidder*minster (group planning) and Esmond's brother David (special customer relations).

Nelson, Prior's successor a chief executive, joined the company 20 years ago as a chemist fresh from Cambridge. Prior, on the other hand, was recruited nine years ago—although also from a chemical background, having been financial director of International Chemical.

Prior said yesterday that when he took over from Bertram last year he had wanted to hand over to Nelson straight away. There was, however, the problem of replacing Nelson with a "first-class" man.

Prior's eye was already on Green, who had in fine style sorted out the company's distribution network—a very heavy overhead item — and achieved cost savings. Green had then been translated to cider production, and it was thought best to let him finish *his job there before thrusting* him into Nelson's shoes.

Prior will no doubt face 1975 happier now that the deed has been done. In his nine years in Hereford he has seen Bulmer's through the transition from small family firm to public company, with cider sales doubled.

The family is also apparently content to see both the chairmanship and chief executive's post continue in non-family hands.

Camaraderie

Misery loves company, especially if there is profit in it. Some such thought is running through the minds of British Leyland executives in Spain, who have offered the painting facilities of their Authi car plant in the northern city of Pamplona to Renault.

Both the Authi plant and the Fasa Renault plant at near by Valladolid were badly damaged by similar fires two weeks apart last month after labour troubles. The authorities are saying nothing about the causes despite intensive investigations.

At the British Leyland factory, the fire *halted production* for a time. Ten people died in the second fire at Valladolid and production was again halted.

With Renault, however, there were upholstery and fittings to *keep the cars pouring out*, if only painting facilities could be found. Authi, like Chrysler and Citroen offered its facilities to Renault—at a price—to keep Valladolid busy.

The deal now appears to have been made with British Leyland, whose plant is closest to Valladolid. Under it Authi workers would be able to paint 60 Renaults a day, rising to 200, which, although far short of Renault's previous production of 700 at Valladolid, still enables the firm to produce while the damage is put right.

All this "matey-ness" comes at a time when car manufacturers in Spain are faced with a shrinking market. Spain's biggest car manufacturer, SEAT, wants government permission to put 19,000 workers on a three-and-a-half to four-day work week.

SEAT is said to have 50,000 unsold new cars in stock.

The offers to help Renault *to get back on its feet* represented, therefore, not only a spirit of camaraderie, but also a chance to grab some extra work.

Scottish and Continental Investment Company Limited

	1974	1973
Total assets	£15,089,723	£22,764,467
Asset value per share	57p	85p
Revenue available for ordinary shareholders	£167,999	£248,873
Ordinary dividend per share	1.00p	1.00p

Mr. J.A. Lumsden covered the following points in his review of the year to 31st August 1974, posted to shareholders on 11th November 1974.

RESULTS

Revenue available for shareholders was reduced from £248,873 to £167,999, partly because the sums available for investment were reduced and partly because the taxation provision was increased by approximately £66,000. On the capital side the decrease in asset value was mainly on account of the general fall in stock market values in the countries in which the company was primarily invested, but was in part due to the loss of the premium on investment currency transferred to make good shortfalls on the currency loans.

PORTFOLIO

The most significant changes in the geographical distribution of the equity investments are the decrease in France from 34.4% to 13.9% and the increases in Germany from 14.2% to 23.7% and in Holland from 12.3% to 19.6%. The amount invested in equities at the year-end was approximately 72% of net assets, as compared with 92% at the beginning of the year. Since the year-end we have sold a further £1.5m of equities and increased the liquidity.

OUTLOOK

Great uncertainty and lack of confidence remains throughout the world and stock markets continue to be unsettled. Attempts at recovery have so far been short-lived. European markets are sure to be affected by general world conditions.

Germany and Holland, however, appear to be in a sounder position than many other countries. Prospects of early improvement in France appear unlikely, as the rate of inflation remains very high and the balance of payments is adverse. The USA seems to be entering a fairly prolonged period of recession and therefore any sustained rise in the stock market appears unlikely at present.

In these conditions, we think it right to remain fairly liquid so as to give as much flexibility as possible to meet conditions as they develop.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th December 1974, at 11.30 a.m. at 8 Crosby Square, London EC3A 6AN.

MANAGED BY MURRAY JOHNSTONE & CO

Bryanston closing its property side after poor performance

By Tony May

Following a continuation of the poor trading at Bryanston Finance's property dealing division, the board has decided to close this section of the business and realize its remaining property investments as soon as suitable opportunities occur.

It will be recalled that in September a group of shareholders called for an inquiry by the Department of Trade into the company's affairs, although the board held that there could be no basis for this.

With turnover for the first six months going down from £4.8m to £3.2m, group pre-tax profits have fallen from £812,000 to £388,000 after providing £416,000 (against £183,000) for bad and doubtful debts, but including finance and property dealing profits amounting to £177,000, against £436,000.

At the attributable level there is a loss of £15,000, against a profit of £344,000. The dividend is cut from 1.25p to 0.16p gross, after a waiver by the chairman, Mr A. Smith, on 1.96 million shares. The shares closed lower.

The pattern of poorer returns from the property side was clear from the results for 1973. The first half showed a rise in taxable profits of 26 per cent to £586,000, and the board reported a good start to the second half. However, the full year produced a slump in profits from £1.62m to £158,000 on turnover down from £10.2m to £8.5m. There was an attributable loss of £196,000, against a profit of £930,000. A breakdown of activities showed that the industrial division was the only bright spot with a rise in profits from £486,000 to £1.11m, while the financial side made a loss of £298,000, compared with a profit of £742,000.

World-wide sales up 11 pc at Siemens

Announcing world-wide sales increased by 11 per cent to DM17,100m (£2,800m) Siemens AG, the German electrical giant, proposes to pay an unchanged dividend of DM8 for the year toSeptember 30.

The group's inflow of orders rose 11 per cent from DM17,800m to DM20,300m with the volume of foreign orders surging 48 per cent to £10,400m. For the first time they are higher than domestic orders.

According to preliminary figures margins were up slightly from 2.8 per cent to 2.9 per cent with the order backlog at September 30 rising to DM15,400m from DM13,600m

Armitage merger off

The boards of Armitage Shanks and Ladyship Industrial Holdings state that negotiations for the purchase of Ladyship by Armitage Shanks have been terminated by mutual consent. Neither side had been able to agree valuations of Ladyship's freehold and leasehold properties.

Potteries chief urges action on restoring confidence

By David Mott

The plea already heard for positive action to be taken nationally to restore to industry the "essential ingredients" of confidence and financial stability is echoed by Mr Anthony Wade, chairman of Wade Potteries, in his statement with the group's annual results.

As it happened the company did well in the circumstances. For the fifth successive year both sales and profits reached record levels with the pre-tax up almost 21 per cent to £703,000 from sales nearly 20 per cent better, at £4.29m. Both halves produced a similar level of growth.

Shareholders' return goes up from an adjusted 1.4p to 1.47p, earnings from 4.1p to 4.42p a share and net assets from £821,000 to £1.02m.

Mr Wade says demand continued high throughout the year and the result was achieved in spite of a cut in electricity supplies which restricted production for 10 weeks. In an industry where continuous firing is an integral part of the process the problems of operating under such conditions were, to say the least, formidable says the chairman.

Spillers venture in Canada

In a new venture, in which the initial investment will be some $C1.5m (about £670,000), *Spillers has agreed with Canada* Packers to form a joint concern, Spratts Pet Foods (Canada), to market pet foods in Canada.

Canada Packers will contribute its marketing and distribution resources throughout the country and its existing business in canned pet foods. For its part, Spillers will make available its extensive specialist knowledge in the development and manu*facture of pet foods in Britain.* Its share of the market here is about 30 per cent, which in total is currently valued at consumer prices at some £158m.

Plans are well advanced to build a manufacturing plant in Toronto. Canada Packers is a food processing company with a 1973-74 turnover of $1.497m.

Briefly

INTERNATIONAL TIMBER

Horsley Smith subsidiary has acquired A. Sharp & Co (Leicester), timber and builders' merchants, for £131,000 cash.

CHAPLIN HOLDINGS

Interim taxable group profit steady at £74,000 out of turnover up from £458,000 to £510,000.

KING & SHAXSON

Board say profits for half-year to October 31 have been satisfactory. *Interim dividend 1.04p (0.87p)*; final will not be less than maximum rate allowed under current regulations. Total last year 3.86p.

MORAN TEA HOLDINGS

Pre-tax profit for year to March 31, £176,000 (loss £56,000). Final dividend, 5.98p (2.2p) making 7.98p (4.2p). Treasury consent received for increase.

MINDUSTRIAL CORP HOLDINGS

For nine months to September 30 sales were $ Can 26m ($17.5m); earnings, $971,000 ($364,000). Canadian subsidiary of Guthrie Corp.

J. W. PELMADULLA

Board of Palmadulla is considering offer from James Warren and advises shareholders to take no action. Application has been made *for restoration of* Pelmadulla's quotation as from November 14.

C. H. PEARCE (CONTRACTORS)

Pretax profit for year was record £466,000 (£401,000); turnover, £5.9m (£4.1m); total dividend, 3.85p (3.67p) including final 2.54p, payable January 6. Profits for 1974-75 should rise further.

BERISFORD IN DUTCH TALKS

Catz International, subsidiary of S. & W. Berisford, food traders, commodity brokers, etc. are holding talks which may result in its making a takeover offer for Amsterdam Rubber, a transit trader. Catz had sales of 795m florins (£132m) in 1973. Amsterdam Rubber has an outstanding share capital of 24m florins.

MPI

Mr R. A. Shuck, chairman, has bought 130,000 shares (1.25 per cent).

Dealings in Provincial Laundries pause for series of big acquisitions

Preparatory to launching a "major" takeover foray, shares of Provincial Laundries were temporarily suspended at *its own request yesterday* until reorganization particulars are announced.

In a statement, the board *said it proposes to make some* big acquisitions worth "several million pounds". These, in its opinion, would be to the long-term benefit of the company and its shareholders. Market capitalization of Provincial Laundries is about £480,000.

An interim statement is promised within the week, with a more comprehensive announcement regarding the acquisitions within the month.

In January, 1973, the chairman and three other directors resigned in view of a controlling interest acquired by Mr T. J. Willis (now chairman) and proposals for increased activities additional to laundries, linen-hire and dry cleaning. Pre-tax profit for the six months to June 30 was £62,000. Pre-tax profit for the full year was forecast at a minimum £140,000. Basingkirk Estates, a newly-formed property and general trading company was acquired in September, 1973.

Vernon Fashion striding ahead

The buoyancy in trading communicated to the annual meeting in August is reinforced in opening results of Vernon Fashion Group. Profits are doubled, and all the signs point to a big full-time profits increase with the important second-half, including Christmas, stil to come.

On turnover for the six months to July 31 up from £1.1m to £1.63m, pre-tax profit leapt from £45,000 to £84,000 and the "net" from £23,000 to £40,000. In the preceding full year, pre-tax profits were £256,000. The interim dividend is up from 1.08p to 1.48p and Mr S. Marks, chairman, adds that if there is any further relaxation in today's Budget there will be a further announcement on the payment declared.

Newman Granger peak

After a downturn of nearly 25 per cent in the first half, taxable profits of Newman Granger Industries, the Nottingham-based makers of screw threaded jacks, supported by a strong second half have ended the year to July 31 showing an 8 per cent rise from £318,000 to a peak £344,000. Earnings per share are shown to have been reduced from 4.53p to 4p but the board point out that this is due to a change in the basis of calculating the taxation equalisation account—had this not been done earnings would have been 4.76p on a compar*able basis.* The total dividend is being lifted from 1.68p to 1.75p with a final payment of 0.92p.

Ups and downs at Pochin's

A small increase in pretax profit but a decline in earnings depressed the shares of Pochin's contracting group by 3p to 39½p yesterday.

At half time, Mr C. Pochin, chairman, said that the group was experiencing many difficulties in the second half—notably the fuel shortage and three-day week. He hoped that the full results would compare reasonably well with the previous term.

In fact profits before tax are up from £404,000 to £450,000, but the "net" dipped from £222,000 to £215,500. The dividend is raised from 5p to 5.2p out of earnings of 20.72p (21.34p) a share.

Mann Egerton dips to £2.5m for year

With its present accounting period scheduled to run for 18 months, Mann Egerton, the motor and electrical engineering group which became a subsidiary of Inchcape in October, 1973, reports a rise in taxable profits for the six months to September 30 from £1.40m to £1.45m. But profits for the year to September 30 are *£2.5m,* against *£2.7m.*

Turnover for the half year increased from £42.9m to £47.9m,

Empire of India surge

Taxable profits of Empire of India Holdings, the estates of whose operating companies are situated in Assam and Dooars, for the year ended March 31 are returned at the best level for many years. At £118,000 they compare with last year's £4,800 and with a loss of £106,000 previously. The dividend is to be 0.1p against nil *from earnings per share of 1.6p* against a loss of 0.2p.

Kalamazoo

There has been a considerable deterioration in the cash flow of Kalamazoo, the Birmingham-based business systems and services group, over the past 12 months. In order to afeguard the supply situation, the board has had to increase considerably its investment in stocks, while a rapid rise in the cost of materials has also had its effect.

Stock markets

Calm day ahead of the Budget

The stock market remained quietly confident ahead of today's Budget, with City investors apparently confident the Chancellor will disclose measures aimed at restoring industrial investment and liquidity. "Genuine" investment, as distinct from the final fling of the "bed and breakfast trade", was thin. But most leading shares closed higher on the day, with the heavy engineering and shipbuilders particularly firm.

The *FT* index ended the session 2.8 up at 194.2, while *The Times* index, at 75.40 was 0.68 higher. Recorded bargains totalled 7,017, thus maintaining recent levels but suggesting a high level of "bed and breakfast" trade.

Speculation regarding possible nationalization terms for the shipbuilders brought substantial rises for **Vosper** (72p), **Swan Hunter** (85p) and **Harland & Wolff** (47p).

GKN (149p) and **Tube Investments** (164p) also improved. Motor industry shares were discouraged by poor results from **J. Lucas Industries,** which left the shares easier at 57p.

Turnover in the multinationals was thin, and the fall in sterling lay heavily over these share pitches. **ICI** (150p) **Fisons** (190p) managed fair rises but gains in **Unilever** (161p) **Courtaulds** (63p) and **Glaxo Group** (223p) were small.

Building shares remained unsettled by fears that today's *Budget will bring cuts in public* spending at local level.

Weak spots were **Bacal Construction** (20p), **Pochin's** (39p after the interim report) and **Tilbury Contracting Group** (103p). But **United City Merchants** strengthened on press recommendation.

With the exception of **Debenhams** (31p), *still* upset by last week's trading statement, store shares improved on the hope of relaxation today of margins control. Elsewhere in consumer stocks, **W. H. Smith** saw further nervous selling with results due shortly. **Reckitt & Colman** (147p) fell foul of press suggestions that the shares are overvalued, and that a rights issue is a possibility.

Australian Estates (165p) continued to look for the bid from either Colonial Sugar or North Broken Hill, predicted by Business News. **W. Crowther** attracted a new round of takeover gossip, while **Miln Marsters Group** (100p) added 9p on the investment stake taken by a Swedish Group. Hopes that Goodyear Tyre will soon *announce bid terms*
brought fresh demand
Kettering Motors.
Financial issues had a
session, although both B. S
Inv Trust and Grovewood
rities edged up after Eagle
had disclosed further purc
of Grovewood shares.
Moves by the Australian
ernment to cut interest
brought sharp rises a
Australian mining and
commercial issues.
Gold shares, firm in
with the bullion price, ran
after reports that the
States Government might
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gold. Oil shares had a
session.
Equity turnover for Nov
8 was £72.5m (20,757 bar
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Lonrho, Australian
Beecham, Union Corp,
Deferred, Boots, Swan
and British Borneo.
Gilts had a quiet day
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factor. Dealers lowered
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to 1/32 point in "shorts
¼ point in "longs". The
rate on today's "yearling
issue is expected to be
cent.

Why Germany, Holland are seen as best for investment

By Our Financial Staff

Reviewing the world-wide lack of confidence and unsettled stock markets, Mr J. A. Lumsden, speaking as chairman of the Scottish & Continental Investment Co, thinks that Germany and Holland are in a sounder position than many other countries.

Restrictive monetary policies, he says, have meant that the inflation rate in Germany has been contained at about 7 per cent and in Holland at 10 per cent. In both, home demand has been restricted, exports have prospered, while their balances of payments is strong.

Mr Lumsden make the point that there would appear to be scope for some reflation of home demand here. This in turn could lead to increased profitability and an upward movement in equity stocks. Because of the banks' dominant position in industrial companies, particularly in Germany, there is unlikely to be a rapid growth in prices, and some measure of steady improvement seems indicated.

A year ago Scottish & Continental was already in process of increasing liquidity. At August 31 last the amount in equities was 72 per cent of net assets, and some of these equities were themselves in liquid funds.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Bisichi Tin (10p)	0.29	0.14	24/12	0.29	0.14
Bryanston Finance *(25p)* Int	0.16	1.25	7/1	—	1.58
mpire of India (10p)	0.1	Nil	—	0.1	Nil
King & Shaxson (20p) Int	1.04	0.87	2/1	—	3.86
Jos Lucas (Ind) (£1) Fin	5.53	5.33	—	7.35	7.0
Moran Tea (£1) Fin	5.98	2.2	—	7.98	4.2
Newman Granger (10p) Fin	0.92	0.88	7/1	1.75	1.68
Padang Jawa (10p)	0.49	0.5	17/12	0.49	0.5
Peters tSores (10p) Fin	4.23	3.4	9/1	5.23	5.0
Pochins (25p) Fin	3.9	3.75	—	5.2	5.0
Vernon Fashion (10p) Int	1.48	1.08	7/1	—	3.49
Wade oPtteries (10p) Fin	1.18	1.14f	14/1	1.47	1.4f

†Adjusted for scrip.

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Heron Corporation,
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to over 30m.

BUSINESS NOTICES

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Contact, quoting Ref. DEG.
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1 Carlisle Road,
London, NW9 0HZ
Tel.: 01-205 3513

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20%-25% discount on office furniture.—See For Sale and Wanted.

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Private individual wishes to purchase for cash, a business making profits of around £30,000 p.a. with or without existing management. Must be within easy reach of North London. Reply in strictest confidence Box 0061 M. The Times.

TRANSFER BOOKS

UNILEVER LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company so far as they relate to the Unsecured Loan Stock and to the Preference and Preferred Ordin*ary Stock of the Company, will be* CLOSED for one day only on the 22nd November 1974, for the preparation of the warrants for

(a) the Unsecured Loan Stock interest payable 31st December, 1974 and

(b) the Preference and Preferred Ordinary Stock dividend payable 2nd January, 1975.

and that Transfers of such stocks lodged after the close of business on the 21st November, 1974 will be registered ex interest dividend.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
H. HOLMES,
Secretary.

Port Sunlight,
Wirral,
Merseyside.
8th November, 1974.

AOKAM TIN BERHAD (Incorporated in Malaysia).

The Transfer Books will be CLOSED from 6th to 9th December, 1974, both dates inclusive.

KAMPONG LANJUT TIN DREDGING BERHAD (Incorporated in Malaysia).

The Transfer Books will be CLOSED from 4th to 6th December, 1974 both dates inclusive.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

THE RIO TINTO-ZINC CORPORATION LIMITED
NOTICE

To holders of Warrants to Bearer for Ordinary Shares of 25p each.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an interim dividend of 2.10p per share will be paid on 2nd January 1975 in respect of the year ending 31st December 1974 on the issued Ordinary Shares of 25p each.

Under the imputation tax system in force in the United Kingdom, the final dividend will be payable without deduction of United Kingdom tax and, for shareholders resident in the U.K., will carry a tax credit equal to thirty-three sixty-sevenths of the dividend (equivalent to 33 per cent of the total of dividend and tax credit). Where a double tax agreement so provides, shareholders resident outside the United Kingdom will obtain a tax credit, against which some United Kingdom tax may fall to be offset.

Payment of the dividend will in the case of registered shares be made to members on the London and Melbourne registers as at 20th November 1974 and in the case of holders of Share Warrants to Bearer on or after 2nd January 1975 after presentation in accordance with the Exchange Control Act 1947, of Coupon No. 27 at any of the undermentioned offices:

The Company's Registered Office,
6 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LD.
The Company's Transfer Office,
Central Registration Limited,
1 Redcliff Street, Bristol BS1 6NT.
Banque Rothschild,
21 rue Laffitte, Paris IXe, France.
Banque Lambert,
24 Avenue Marnix, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.
Societe Generale de Banque,
3 Montagne du Parc, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.
Banque Generale du Luxembourg, S.A., 14 rue Aldringer, Luxembourg.
Banque Lambert-Luxembourg, S.A., 11 Boulevard Grande-Duchesse Charlotte, Luxembourg.
Swiss Credit Bank,
8 Paradeplatz, Zurich, Switzerland.
Union Bank of Switzerland,
45 Bahnhofstrasse, 8021 Zurich, Switzerland.
Swiss Bank Corporation,
4002 Basle, Switzerland.

Coupons, which must be listed on special forms which can be obtained on or after Monday, 18th November 1974 at any of the above offices, may be deposited on or after Monday, 25th November 1974. Coupons presented for payment in London must be left FIVE CLEAR DAYS for examination.

Shareholders should note that under the Company's Articles of Association adopted on 20th May 1970 provision is made for the forfeiture of the above dividend if not claimed within 12 years from 24th September 1974.

By Order of the Board,
P R DEAN,
Secretary.

6 St. James's Square,
London SW1Y 4LD.
11th November 1974

COMPANY NOTICES

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE *COMPANY LIMITED*

Notice is hereby given that the REGISTER of the Holders of the 7¾% Unsecured Loan Stock 1988/93 and the 5% Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 21st November, 1974 to Wednesday 27th November, 1974, both dates inclusive for the purposes of preparing interest and dividend warrants in respect of the half-year ending 31st December, 1974.

By Order of the Board,
C R HARRIS
Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity of DAME SUSAN MORDEN, Blackheath, LB Greenwich. Scheme extending provisions relat*ing to application of income.*

215551-A11

The Charity Commissioners have made an Order ESTABLISHING a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 (quoting ref. no. 215551-A11) and may also be seen at that address.

CONTRACT AND TENDERS

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS
MOMBASA AND COASTAL
WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Contracts for the construction of a river intake, pumping stations, a water treatment plant, main and subsidiary bulk supply pipelines, distribution networks and a communications system.

The Government of Kenya intends to INVITE TENDERS during the twelve month-period starting at the end of 1974 for contracts for the supply and installation of raw and treated water pumps, treatment plant, electrical equipment and communications equipment; for the supply of pipes, valves and flowmeters for main and subsidiary bulk supply and distribution systems; and for the construction of a treatment works, pumping stations, a river intake main and subsidiary bulk supply and distribution pipelines, on-line tanks and bulk storage reservoirs.

The purpose of this Notice is to advise manufacturing and contracting firms as to the nature of the proposed works so that they can submit a statement of interest.

The Project involves the construction of an intake and control structure on the River Sabaki (Galana) at a site 40km West of Malindi, a raw water pumping station at the intake site, nearby a modern water treatment plant capable of producing 2,250cu m/hour in phase I and with provision for extension to 5,000cu m/hour in phase II, a treated water pumping station, 116km of main bulk supply pipeline (of diameters ranging from 600mm to 750mm) to Mombasa, a booster pumping station on the main bulk supply pipeline, 68km of smaller subsidiary bulk supply pipelines to 4 separate locations in the Kenya coastal strip, bulk storage reservoirs at the head of new distribution systems and the augmentation of existing distribution systems in the Mombasa Municipality.

Statements of interest should be submitted to the Consulting Engineers:—

SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK & PARTNERS, P.O. Box 44994, Nairobi, Kenya.

Tender advertisements will be published in the Kenya national daily newspapers and copies of the relevant advertisements will be sent to those firms who have replied to this notice.

Firms who have already submitted statements of interest or prequalification documents need not re-apply.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948 and In the Matter of S. Sioul Limited.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948, that a *GENERAL MEETING* of the MEMBERS of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Ronald Parkyn Booth of Booth White & Company, 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, London, E.C.4, the Liquidator herein, on Wednesday the 13th November 1974 at 11.45 a.m., to be followed at 12.00 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an Account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings, and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 1st day of November 1974.

RONALD PARKYN BOOTH
Liquidator
Chartered Accountant

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948 and In the Matter of PRODUCTIVITY CONSULTANTS Limited No 0026 of 1974.

By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated 17th April 1974, MICHAEL ANTHONY JORDAN, Chartered Accountant, of 19 Eastcheap London, E.C.3, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITH a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1974.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 002717 of 1974

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court *In the Matter of GRUY CONSTRUCTION Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.*

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 6th day of November 1974 presented to the said Court by Humphries & Taplings Limited whose registered office is situate at Condor House, 5/14, St. Paul's Churchyard, London, E.C.4, wholesale flooring distributors.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 2nd day of December 1974 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

WHITE & LEONARD, 4, St Bride Street, London, EC4A 4BX
Solicitors for the Petitioners.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 29th day of November 1974.

In the Matter of REPROGRAPHIC STUDIOS Limited (In Receivership), and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 31st day of January, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned MALCOLM BARRY HARRIS F.C.A., of Harris Kafton & Co of 23, Albemarle Street, London, W1X 4LH the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified *in such notice, or in default thereof* they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated the 4th day of November, 1974.

MALCOLM BARRY HARRIS,
LIQUIDATOR.

In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of HENRY J. ROGERS & PARTNERS Ltd. (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 13, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Monday the 2nd day of December, 1974, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING *of the CREDITORS for the* purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1974.

M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002724 of 1974

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of WISE BROTHERS (WISE LONDON) Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 7th day of November, 1974, presented to the said Court by Furzebrook Knitting Company Limited whose registered office is at 32 Hanover Square, London, W1A 2BB, manufacturers of knitted fabrics, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 2nd day of December, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

J. F. KELEMEN, 1A Tenterden Street, London, W1A 2BB.
Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 29th day of November, 1974.

No. 002726 of 1974

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of MAXWELL ASSOCIATES (EXECUTIVE SELECTION) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 7th day of November, 1974, presented to the said Court by Ryman Limited whose registered office is at Hudson Road Mills, Leeds LS9 7DN, Office Equipment Suppliers, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 2nd day of December, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

M. A. JACOBS & SONS, Blue Star House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5PL, Solicitors *for the Petitioner.*

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 29th day of November, 1974.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of AIM ELECTRONICS Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-*named Company will be held at the* Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 13, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday the 11th day of December, 1974, at 2.15 p.m. to be followed at 2.30 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1974.

O N MARTIN
Liquidator.

No. 001183 of 1973

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948, We GRAHAM ORD of HAND & CO., 55 Newhall Road, Birmingham 3 and Frank William Taylor of C. A. Huntington & Co., 41 North John Street, Liverpool, 2 HEREBY give NOTICE that by an order of the High Court of Justice date 31st October, 1973, we have been appointed Joint Liquidators of P.P.C. Composites Limited

G. ORD.
F. W. TAYLOR.

Dated this 1st day of November, 1974.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 003646 of 1974

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of AYTRONES Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 29th day of October 1974 presented to the said Court by New Era Linen Services Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Lawn Lane, London, S.W.8, Creditors and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 25th day of November 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order of the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose: and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

SAMUEL TONKIN & CO., 3 Berners Street, London W1P 4AD, Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditor.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 22nd day of November 1974.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of BOTOLPH ENGINEERING Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 13, East*cheap,* London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1974, at 11.45 a.m. to *be followed at 12 noon by a* GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1974

O. N. MARTIN,
Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MAYFLOWER STREET DEVELOPMENT Limited Nature of Business: To construct shops, buildings, houses, flats, etc.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th October, 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 26th November, 1974, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 2.15 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES *on the same* day and at the same place at 2.45 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GEMSANDERS PUBLICATIONS Limited Nature of Business: Publishers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th October, 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 26th November, 1974, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of EUROBASE Limited Nature of Business: Container Repairer.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th October, 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 25th November, 1974, at Room 239, Templar House, 81, High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP, at 10.15 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.45 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of ANTONIO SPANISH RESTAURANT Limited, Nature of Business: Restaurant proprietor.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th October, 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS

CREDITORS 26th November, 1974, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 74 of 1974

In the SLOUGH COUNTY COURT Re: ARTHUR BOOTE (Practising As Arthur Boote & Co) of Lilac Cottage, Holloway Lane, Harmondsworth, Middlesex, Solicitor and lately carrying on business at 9 High Street, Yiewsley, West Drayton, Middlesex.

I, MAURICE CHARLES WITHALL of Thornton Baker & Co, Chartered Accountants, Fairfax House, Fulwood Place, London WC1V 6DN, hereby give notice that I have been duly APPOINTED and certified by the Department of Trade and Industry as TRUSTEE of the above named bankrupt.

All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver these to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to me.

Dated this 11th day of November 1974.

M. C. WITHALL,
Trustee.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of R.L.V. Limited.

Nature of Business: Cleaning and painting contractors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th October 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 26th November 1974, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.15 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.45 o'clock.

N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of J. R. BILLING (CONTRACTORS) Limited. Nature of Business: Building contractors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th October, 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 26th November, 1974, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day *and at the same place* at 11.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948

I, as a director of BLACK DOT MANN Ltd., Registration No 743125 hereby give notice that all persons having CLAIMS AGAINST the Company should within 21 days of the date of this publication send their detailed claims to John P. Smillie 11, Windmill Road, Brentford. TW8 0QD. Middlesex.

J. J. CHENEY,
(Director)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMPANIES ACT 19
Matter of HARCOURT
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 19
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Commodities

tenth successive day position on the London SUGAR market closed Yesterday's limit move to 10) took the rise period to £130 a ton at he London daily price £29 to a new peak of g ton which dealers felt a sale of 5,000 tons of raws on Friday at .50 cents per lb fob for shipment.

minal was bid at limit ost the morning, with ce again having withter Friday's bout of ng. Sellers remained ved in the afternoon, y with New York r the Veteran's Day At the close buying lled 491 lots.

ng tone was strong. Dec. 00 a long ton (after March. £564.50 limit up 555.25 limit up bid: Aug. all up bid: Oct. £508.00 d: Dec. £487.00 limit up . £467.00 limit up bid. 4 lots. ISA price 55.75 ; 17-day average. 45.15c. sugar consumers and officials in the United ain and other countries are r high prices, the United partment of Agriculture orld production will be a 81.1m metric tons in the g next April 30. Larger e current season are foreeral major sugar-producing including Brazil, South tralia and Poland. In spite 00 ton overall increase in ut in the 1974-75 season, States agency said current ates are about 2m tons er forecasts. It also was the world is likely to record amount of sugar.— tons—in the 12 months d 30.

ices moved ahead with cash gaining £6.50 and three This was in spite of a arehouse stocks of 9,075 s to a 21-month high of nnes. Prices opened around sing levels and subsequently nder good buying especially terial. Demand was believed ily on commission house Dealers suggested that curtainties were the main. Inhough some covering against pec developments was also n physical demand, however. uiet. Afternoon.—Cash wire 00-24.00 a metric ton; three 544.00-50.00. Sales, 1,850 cathodes, £614.00-15.00: ths. £632.00-33.10. Sales. Morning.—Cash wire bars. 50: three months, £649.00- tlement, £629.50. Sales. Cash cathodes, £618.00- re months, £634.00-35.00. £619.00. Sales, 850 tons.

ices eased on the LME and e losses of between 5p and e recorded. Stocks fell roy ounces to 11,150,000 llion market (fixing levels). 7.4p a troy ounce (United s equivalent, 506.1): three. 14.1p (515.8c): six months, 525 6c): one-year, 244.1p London Metal Exchange.— —Cash, 214.5-15.0p: three 21.5-21.8p: seven months, p. Sales, 152 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 218.7-19.0p: three months, 225.5-25.8p: seven months, 232.5-33.5p. Settlement, 219.0p. Sales, 137 lots.

TIN prices declined with cash standard metal down £32.50 and three months, £42.50. Stocks fell 330 metric tons to 4,790 tonnes which was a little more than generally expected. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,170-75 a metric ton; three months, £3,160-65. Sales, 320 tons. High grade, cash, £3,170-75: three months, £3,170-80. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,200-205: three months, £3,190-195. Settlement, £3,205. Sales, 260 tons. High grade, cash, £3,200-205: three months, £3,205-30. Settlement, £3,205. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M975 a picul.

LEAD was quiet with cash metal down £1.375 and three months, £1.25 easier. Stocks rose 1,550 metric tons to 17,525 and was in line with expectations. Afternoon.—Cash, £229.00-29.25 a metric ton: three months, £224.00-24.50. Sales, 600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £229.50-30.00: three months, £224.50-25.00. Settlement, £230.00. Sales, 1,125 tons.

ZINC closed barely steady with cash metal £5.50 lower and three months, £4.25 down. Some sizable lending of nearby metal by an influential quarter tended to depress values. Stocks fell 850 metric tons to 15,275. Afternoon.—Cash, £339.00-40.00 a metric ton: three months, £340.00-40.50. Sales, 1,325 tons. Morning.—Cash, £341.00-42.00: three months, £341.00-45.00. Settlement, £342.00. Sales, 3,600 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM dropped £2.75 to £82.00-£84.00 ($191.00-$196.00) a troy ounce.

ALUMINIUM.—Ingots 99.5 per cent, £305-£325 a metric ton.

ANTIMONY.—99.6 per cent, £1,750-£1,875 a metric ton.

RUBBER was easier in spite of a marginal rally attempt on terminal at mid-session. Weekend curb trading was fairly heavy on terminal at 43 lots. But opening levels were soon under pressure from long liquidation and stoploss selling following the substantial drop in Eastern prices. New contracts lows were recorded. Physicals were dull. Market sources said that holidays in the United States and certain parts of the Continent tended to dampen sentiment still further. Additionally some consumers were holding off in view of short term trend indecision.

The closing tone was slightly easier with losses of 0.25p to 0.80p. Dec, 24.50-25.00p per kilo: Jan, 25.00-25.50p: Jan-March, 25.40-75p: April-Jun, 26.15-20p: July-Sept, 27.05-20p: Oct-Dec, 27.90-28.00p, Jan-March, 28.40-45p: April-June, 28.70-90p: July-Sept, 28.80-39.15p. Sales, 9 lots (five tonnes each) and 178 lots (15 tonnes each).

PHYSICALS closed uncertain. Spot: 25.00-26.00p. Cif's: Dec, 24.35-75p: Jan, 24.75-25.25p.

WOOL.—Greasy futures firmer. Dec, 155.0-58.5p per kilo: March, 163.0-65.5p: May, 165.0-66.0p: July, 166.0-67.0p: Oct, 167.0-68.0p: Dec, 168.0-70.0p: March, 168.0-70.0p: May, 169.0-73.0p. Sales, eight lots

JUTE quiet. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, £238.50 nominal: white "D" grade, Nov-Dec, £228.50 nominal, a long ton. Calcutta market quiet. Indian, Nov-Dec, Rs465 value: Dundee Daisee, Nov-Dec, Rs405 value, a bale of 400lb.

SISAL quiet. No 1, $1.125 a metric ton: "A" grade, $1.115: No 3 long, $1.105: No 2 ord, $1.105: No 3 ord, $1.085: UG, $1.070. All sellers. Oct-Nov No 1 tow, $920 nominal; No 2 tow, $910 nominal.

PEPPER quiet. White Sarawak, faq, cif European ports, £920 a long ton: Black Sarawak, "special" cif European ports, £720: Black Malabar, cif UK, £830. All sellers, Nov-Dec.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides (ex-KKCF), 24.0-28.0p a lb: English hindquarters (ex-KKCF) heavy, 32.0-35.0p: English forequarters (heavy), 17.5-19.0p: Eire hindquarters (ex-KKCF), 31.0-35.0p: Eir forequarters, 16.0-18.0p. VEAL: English fats (special quotation, 34p), 29.0-33.0p. LAMB: English small, 24.0-27.0p: English medium, 23.0-24.0p: English heavy, 18.0-23.0p: Scotch medium, 22.0-25.0p: Scotch heavy, 18.0-22.0p: Scotch hill, 20.0-26.0p: Imported frozen: NZD's, 28.0-28.5p: NZ2's 25.0-26.0p: NZ8, 22.5-23.5p: NZYL's, 27.0-27.5p. EWES: 10.0-11.5p. PORK: English, under 100lb, 25.0-31.0p: 100-120lb, 27.0-30.0p: 120-160lb, 26.0-(ex-KKCF), 31.0-33.0p: Eire forequarters 29.0p: 160-180lb, 25.0-28.0p: 180lb and over, 23.-26.0p.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures advanced between £6.50 and £12.75 a long ton. Fresh speculative chart buying was reported. Arabicas were subdued and values closed 50 to 120 points up.

Robusta closed firm.—Nov, £469.0-9.5 a long ton: Jan, £476.0-6.5: March, £477.0-7.5: May, £476.0-77.0: July, £476.0-77.0: Sept, £476.0-78.0: Nov, £477.0-79.0. Sales, 969 lots, including 29 options.

Arabicas closed quiet.—Dec, $68.90-69.50 per 50 kilos: Feb, $67.10-67.50: April, $66.80-67.30: June, $67.00-67.30: Aug, $66.80-67.20: Oct, $66.90-67.20: Dec, $66.80-67.20. Sales, 38 lots.

COCOA futures scored sharp gains and new contract highs were established throughout the list. Stoploss covering and fresh speculative buying provided much of the support, according to market sources. The market closed mostly at the day's best levels with gains ranging from £5 to £21.50 a tonne. Nearby December achieved the limit movement although limit rules are not applicable at the final call.

The December position increased its premium over the rest of the market, standing some £80 above adjacent March. Dealers said that the paucity of spot supplies was still highlighting the overall advance although once again. West African shipments for fairly close delivery were said to be coming through.

The fifth week's Ghana purchases —at 20,730 long tons—were exactly in line with latest ideas and generally discounted. But views last week that the figure may have reached as much as 37,000 long tons could have encouraged some extra support, sources said.

The closing tone was very steady. Dec, £925.0-7.0 a metric ton: March, £846.0-7.0: May, £764.0-5.0: July, £716.0-8.5: Sept, £677.0-80.0. Sales, 2,106 lots, including 22 options. ICO prices, daily, 85.55c a lb, 15-day average, 81.70c, 22-day, 81.10c.

TEA.—At yesterday's auction 30,855 packages of North Indian and African teas were offered, the Tea Brokers' Association reported. Bright assams were often dearer but others were irregular and sometimes lower. Africans showed little change apart from dusts which came to a dearer market.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent, Dec, £114.15 trans-shipment east coast: United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, Nov, £109.85: Dec, £110.65: Jan, £116.40 trans-shipment east coast: Dec, £107.85 direct shipment Tilbury: United States hard winter No 2, 13½ per cent, Dec, £107.70: Jan, £108.95: Feb, £110.35 trans-shipment east coast: Jan, £107.00 direct shipment Tilbury. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French, Nov, £75.00: Dec, £75.75: Jan, £76.25 trans-shipment east coast. All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY steady. —Nov, £63.95: Jan, £66.30: March, £69.30: May, £71.50. WHEAT, steady. —Nov, £65.00: Jan, £67.50: March, £70.50: May, 73.00. All a long ton.

COPRA.—Philippines.—Nov, $540 a metric ton: Dec, $545 resellers.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling weak

The pound was weak yesterday in foreign exchange markets. Pre-Budget nervousness, combined with continuing disquiet about the overall economic situation, was primarily responsible.

Most of the loss on the day was incurred in the morning as the dollar advanced strongly. The dollar's firmness was attributed to reports that central bankers at Basle were considering ways of stemming the dollar's decline and to a technical recovery.

The pound opened at $2.3375, a little above Friday's closing level. However, selling quickly developed and the rate tumbled to $2.3265 by 10.15 am, the lowest of the day.

There was some recovery from this level in the late morning and early afternoon, but it was not sustained and late weakness pushed the rate down to $2.3270 at the close, off 85 points on the day.

Gold closed at $182, down $2½ on the day.

Discount market

The Bank of England yesterday offset a small liquidity shortage in the money market through Treasury bill and municipal authority bill purchases, market sources said.

The market opened with bankers' balances run down from last Friday and, during the day, further money was drained by a net take-up of Treasury bills and a small adverse Special Deposits adjustment. Government disbursements and receipts were in balance.

Secured call loan rates closed between 5 and 10 per cent after opening at 10½ per cent.

SA gold profits

Working profits of the member gold mines of the Chamber of Mines of South Africa declined from the June quarter's R441m to R347m, leaving the total after nine months at R1,140m (R682m).

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 11.11.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	73.40	12.83	23.76	74.72
Largest Coys.	73.32	11.90	23.10	74.53
Smaller Coys.	75.64	12.46	25.92	75.32
Capital Goods	77.18	11.74	24 16	76.39
Consumer Goods	84.95	11.41	24 54	84.44
Store Shares	69.60	12.13	15 67	68.05
Largest financial shares	88.94	10.14	—	89.54
Largest financial and industrial shares	77.91	11 57	—	77.39
Commodity shares	176.31	10.38	14.73	169.27
Gold Mining shares	586.85	3.38	7.73	577.87
Industrial debenture stocks	69.05	9.32*	—	69.00
Industrial preference stocks	43.73	15.94*	—	45.45
3½% War Loan	21•	16.53*	—	21

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	63.84† (18.07.59)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	72.37 (26.09.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.76 (14.01.70)	110.76 (26.05.70)
1969	171.85 (31.01.69)	122.98 (28.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.
• Ex-dividend.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11½%
(Last changed 20 9 74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 10 Close 10½
Week Fixed: 10½-10¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10¹⁵⁄₁₆	2 months	10¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	11¹⁄₁₆	3 months	10⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11⅞-11½	3 months	12¾
3 months	11⅞-11¾	4 months	13¼
4 months	12-11⅞	6 months	13½
6 months	12¼-12		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆	7 months	12⅞-12¹³⁄₁₆
2 months	11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆	8 months	12⅞-12¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆	9 months	12⅞-12¾
4 months	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆	10 months	12¹⁵⁄₁₆-12¹³⁄₁₆
5 months	12¼-12⅛	11 months	12⅞-12¾
6 months	12½-12⅜	12 months	12⅞-12¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	12½-12⅜
3 months	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆	12 months	12⅞-12¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10½-11	3 months	11¾
7 days	11-11¼	6 months	12¾
1 month	11	1 year	14½

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 10½ Close 10

1 week	10¾	6 months	12½-12⅜
1 month	11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆	9 months	12¹⁵⁄₁₆-12¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	11⅞-11¾	12 months	12¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 12⅝ 6 months 13

Finance House Base Rate 12%

Issues & Loans

Turner & Newall raises coupons

Turner and Newall is planning to increase by 1 per cent the interest rates on the 7 per cent unsecured loan stock 1987-92, the 9.1 per cent unsecured loan stock 1990-95 and the 10.75 per cent unsecured loan stock, 1995-2000.

It also proposes an increase in borrowings to 1.5 times the aggregate of its adjusted total of United Kingdom capital and reserves.

$150m for Nabisco

Nabisco has arranged a $50m loan with a group of banks in London led by Citicorp International. The five-year loan coincides with the raising of a $100m from a group of five banks in the United States led by Bankers' Trust Co.

British Inv Trust

The British Investment Trust has repaid SwFr10m out of a SwFr30m loan which it arranged for a period of five years in June, 1972.

Christopher Wilkins

Fitzwalter Wright move to protect depositors

In a move to protect depositors' interests, Fitzwalter Wright Holdings, which owns Fitzwalter Wright, the East Anglian merchant bank, has disposed of its stake in its investment and property subsidiaries.

The capital of the former subsidiaries—renamed Forsanet Enterprises and Forsanet Property—is now held by Forsanet Holdings whose shares have been distributed as a capital dividend pro rata to shareholders in Fitzwalter Wright Holdings. The move allows shareholders to retain their stake in property and investments alongside their stake in the bank.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
Airlease 8¾ 1988	75	78
Amer Motors 9 1989	84	87
Anglo-American 7½ 1987	65	68
Ashland 8 1987	87	88
Austraswiss 8 1987	87¾	88¾
BICC 7¾ 1987	60	63
Bluebell 7¾ 1987	70	74
Bristol 8¼ 1979	86	88
Brit Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	78	81
Burlington 7¾ 1987	84	85
Cadbury 7¼ 1990	59	62
Carrier 8 1987	86	87
Colombia 8¼ 1988	87	89
Cons Food 7½ 1991	84¼	85¼
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾ 1987	79	81
Coventry 8¾ 1981	87	89
Coventry 8¼ 1980	84	86
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	88¼	89¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Dana 8 1987	85¼	86½
Denmark Kingdm 7½ 1990	78¾	79¾
Denmrk Mtge Bk 7¼ 1991	76¼	77¼
Dundee 9¼ 1983	87¼	89¼
Escom 9¼ 1989	87	89
EIB 8½ 1988	86¼	88¼
Eurofima 8¼ 1989	86¼	88¼
First Chicago 7 1980	91¾	92¾
First Pennsylvnia 7¼ 1984	74	78
Fisons 8¼ 1987	70½	73½
GATX 8¼ 1987	84¼	85¼
Gen Cables 8¼ 1987	83	84
Guardian Royal 8 1987	71	74
GHH 7¼ 1988	80¼	82¼
Hambros 7¾ 1987	69	72
Hammersly 8 1987	76	78
Hilton 7¾ 1987	56	60
ICI 7¼ 1992	66	69
International Util 8¼ 1982	92¼	93¼
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	70	75
Lancashire 9¼ 1981	91¼	93¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	70½	73½
Manchester 8¼ 1981	84½	86½
Mexico 8¾ 1991	74	77
Michelin 7½ 1988	80¼	81½
Mitsubishi 9 1989	91	93
Motorola 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	69	72
National Coal Board 8¼ 1988	78	81
Norges Komm 7¾ 1990	83¼	84¼
N A Rockwell 7¾ 1979	94¼	95¼
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	85¼	86¼
Nottingham 8¾ 1979	86	88
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	85	86
Pennwalt 8 1987	85½	86½
Quebec Hydro 8¼ 1989	95	96½
Quebec (Province) 7½ 1988	84	85
Queensland 8¼ 1987	81	83
Ralston 7½ 1987	88	89
RHM 8 1988	69	72
SAS 8 1987	83¼	84¼
Scanraff 7½ 1990	86¼	87¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	93	94
Shell 7½ 1987	87¾	88¾
Singapore 7¾ 1987	75	—
Slough 8 1988	—	60
South Africa 8 1987	68	72
SIB 7¾ 1987	86	87
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	98½	99½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	97	98
Sybron 8 1987	85	86
Tenneco 7½ 1979	95¼	96¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	81	82
Textron 7¾ 1987	81½	82½
Town & City 8 1988	—	60
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	87¼	88¼
Union Oil 7 1979	95½	96½
Union Oil 7½ 1987	87¾	88¾
UDT 8¾ 1988	50	55
Utah 7½ 1979	95¼	96¼
Utah 8 1987	85¼	86¼
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	88	90
Volvo 8 1987	87¼	88¼
Wellcome 8¼ 1987	65	68
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	72	75
NON-$ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 7½ 1987	68	70
Bass (FF) 7½ 1987	60	62
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7½ 1987	65½	67½
Brascan (DM) 8¼ 1988	83½	84½
BLMC (FF) 7½ 1987	52	54
Charter (FF) 7¾ 1987	52	54
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/85	73½	74½
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	75¼	76¼
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	97	98
Denmark (FF) 7¾ 1988	69	71
EIB (FF) 7¼ 1988	66	68
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	63	65
Estel (DM) 7¾ 1988	84¾	85¾
Goodyear (DM) 6¼ 1972/87	79¾	80¾
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	86¾	87¾
Lafarge (FF) 7¾ 1987	68	70
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	79	80
Occidental (DM) 6½ 1969/76	94¼	95¼
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970/85	81½	82½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	81	82
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1993	88	89
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8½ 1988	91	92
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	47	49
Alaska Int 6 1987	37	39
American Exp 4¼ 1987	74	76
American Motors 6 1992	60	bid
American Medical 5½ 1992	33	34
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	70	72
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	91	93
Borden 5 1992	77	79
Borden 6¾ 1991	90	92
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	57	59
Carnation 4 1987	68	70
Cummins 6¾ 1986	73	75
Damon 5¾ 1987	45	47
Dart 4¾ 1987	80	82
E Asia Navigation 6¾ 1989	47	49
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	74	76
Eaton 5 1987	67½	69½
Ford 5 1988	68	70
Ford 6 1986	77	79
Fedders 5 1992	31	33
Gillette 4¾ 1987	69	71
Gould 5 1987	62	64
General Electric 4¼ 1987	74	76
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	110	112
Harris 5 1992	44	46
Honeywell 6 1986	69	71
Hongkong Land Con 7¾ 1988	73	75
ITT 4½ 1987	57	59
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	70	72
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	120	122
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	105	107
Mohasco 5 1987	50	52
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	72	74
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	77	79
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	73	75
Revlon 4¼ 1987	73	75
Ramada 6¼ 1986	39	41
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	30	32
Sime Darby 5¾ 1988	45½	47½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	75	77
Slater Walker 5¼ 1987	35	37
Southland 5 1987	52	54
Squibb 4¼ 1987	73	75
United Overseas Bank 6½ 1988	55	57
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1988	66	68
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	77½	79½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	71	73

DM—Deutschmark issue. FF—French Franc issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

JENTIQUE

Group in sound financial position and no new investment in next 12-18 months contemplated apart from items already known, Mr F. Crosland writes. Market share should be maintained.

Bank Mees en Hope is planning to float 40m fl of 10 per cent, five-year notesat par.

Position

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	Market rates (day's range) November 11	Market rates (close) November 11
	$2.3265-3390	$2.3265-3275
	$2.2970-3115	$2.2975-2985
n	6.12½-15½fl	6.13-14fl
	85.95-89.40f	88.65-85f
en	13.83-95k	13.83½-84½k
	5.94-97m	5.94½-95½m
	58.60-59.10e	58.65-85e
	1[illegible].30-134.00p	133.40-65p
	1550-57lr	1550½-52½lr
	12.76-83k	12.78½-79½k
	10.86-95f	10.89½-89¾f
1	10.13-17k	10.13-14k
	696-702y	697-99y
	42.20-60sch	42.30-50sch
	6.52½-55¼f	6.53-54f

[illegible] dollar day's range on Nov 8 was [illegible]
depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, up 9.2[illegible]

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.80-.70c prem	2.70-2.60c prem
Montreal	.85-.75c prem	2.55-2.45c prem
Amsterdam	3½-2½c prem	9½-8½c prem
Brussels	20c prem-par	65-45c prem
Copenhagen	5-3ö prem	9-7ö prem
Frankfurt	3-2pf prem	8¼-7¼pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-50c disc	50c prem-30c disc
Milan	4-8lr disc	17-22lr disc
Oslo	8-6ö prem	24-22ö prem
Paris	1½-3½c disc	4-6c disc
Stockholm	3-1ö prem	9-7ö prem
Vienna	25gro prem-par	65-35gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	9¾-8¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $1.0123-26

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 8¾-9¾: seven days, 9½-9¾: one month, 9¾-10¼: three months, 9¾-10¼: six months, 9¾-10

Gold fixed: am, $182½ (an ounce): pm, $182. Krugerrand (per coin): $192½-197½ (£83-85). Sovereigns (old): $61½-63 (£26½-27), (new) $66-67½ (28½-29).

Recent Issues

		Closing Price
E Anglian Wtr 10% Pf (†)		£98¼-½
Eastbourne Wtr 10% (†)		£98¼-½
Essex Wtr 10% (†)		£98
Finance for Ind 14% (£98½)		£94¾
Newcastle Wtr 10% Pf (†)		£98¼-½
Unisel Gold Mines		295+17
UDT 16% Cnv (£100)		£97
RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun.	
Bank Hapoalim (154)		30
Com Union (60)	Dec 12	81+3

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by Tender. a £10 paid.

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gar producer forecasts £900 a ton

By John Woodland

folks, you ain't seen yet!" Al Jolson was not referring to the gar price but in spite huge rise recently a ly explosive situation in re still remains.

day the London daily ched a record £559 a making a rise of 100 in just seven trads. A year ago the just £108 a ton.

ontent with brokers' visit was paid to the eadquarters of Lonrho, s large sugar interests a. This produced a forecast that over the year a price of £900 a d be seen.

this seemingly wild n was not a man of uth but one of wide ce, not only in the cane Africa but around the conference tables. One vas not a man to make h statements without the situation through gical conclusion.

chael Fletcher, deputy of Lonrho's Swaziland illing Company, further d that the price will sharp and sustained from this level. In er the longer term he would not be surprised e price back to £100 a .

sed his forecasts on a pattern which, he now points to a world arge dimensions followe disastrous years.

f the major factors that ibited a rapid expansion production, he said, has e strength of grain Normally when a comprice is high farmers switch from a low prong crop to one with a urn. But because other ity prices have also arply it simply has not farmer to make any

er reason is the high opening fresh areas to gar. New mills are effecew industrial complexes d heavy financial backing. Mr Fletcher estimated the current cost from grass roots at £30m for 100,000 tons and £50m for 300,000 tons.

New mills have long term implications requiring some guarantee of outlet at remunerative prices. With the volatility of the sugar price this is not always possible. Consequently investment in a new sugar complex has not been forthcoming without some substantial assistance from governments concerned.

In spite of all the financial worries Lonrho is pushing ahead with various projects, in conjunction with governments, in Africa. A feasibility study in the Sudan has been completed and a 300,000 tonne scheme is being negotiated.

If this is realized it will enable Sudan to become a net exporter instead of an importer as at present. In 1973 imports were estimated at 165,000 tonnes; consumption at 285,000 tonnes; production at 100,000, and stocks (at the end of the year) at 44,000 tonnes.

Particularly promising areas for sugar expansion, Mr Fletcher said, are in Malawi and Swaziland but he did not think Mauritius had too much scope beyond possible improved and higher yielding strains.

In Malawi, Lonrho has embarked on a three year programme to raise output by 40,000 to 100,000 tonnes. All the increase may be exported for in 1973 domestic consumption was only 38,000 tonnes.

Feasibility studies have been submitted to the Dahomey government, covering 40,000 tonnes of refined sugar and also to the Ivory Coast government which would extend its production from the existing capacity of 40,000 to 100,000 tonnes.

A difficulty in many of these areas are roads. Very few have tarmac and therefore are prone to heavy rains which can make it a problem to move the cane.

For a company operating in Africa, like Lonrho it is not simply a task of hiring labour for the day, week, month or year. It means providing homes near the cane fields plus medical, educational and recreational facilities. Costs, therefore escalate and without government assistance it is doubtful if any viable scheme would be possible.

As Mr R. W. (Tiny) Rowland, the managing director and chief executive of Lonrho, said in his latest review of operations the development of these sugar schemes assists materially in improving the standard of living in the countries concerned where foreign currency earnings also accrue from export sales of sugar surpluses.

The schemes also make a fine contribution to the world food shortage. C. Czarnikow rightly points out in its latest Sugar Review that if producers are to be encouraged to expand over and above their present plans it is important for various national and international authorities to create the conditions within which this growth can be encouraged and sustained.

Last week the Polish announcement of an immediate ban on sugar exports caused considerable upset in the international market. Czarnikow says that it is customary for prudent traders, when purchasing sugar, to open a corresponding hedge on the terminal market.

As it happens, traders who have purchased Polish sugar this year will now be showing considerable losses on these terminal positions. If they are to be prevented from receiving the sugar which they have purchased, they will be left with substantial futures market losses.

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land Bank ..	12 %
Westminster	12 %
ley Trust ..	12½%
Cent Bank	12 %
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Mining

Sungei Besi starts well but warns

Malaysian tin producer, Sungei Besi, increased its pre-tax profits in the six months to end-September from £315,000 to £785,000. Despite a fall in concentrates from 1,283 to 1,006 tons, an almost doubled tin price pushed mining profits up from £303,000 to £715,000, while interest receipts jumped from £12,000 to £70,000.

Problems in stripping overburden led to production being below expectations and the board point out that the tonnage for the year will fall short of last time's 2,579 tons. In addition, with the metal price now on a downward trend, profits in the second half will fall short of those for the interim.

Northgate's third quarter setback

After achieving net income of $C3.96m, or 63c a share, and cash flow of $C6.06m (96c a share) for the first half, Northgate Exploration saw little further progress in the three months to September 30. Thanks to falling metal prices, except for zinc where the producer-price increased, net income amounted to only 6c and cash flow to 19c a share, leaving the respective total after nine months at 67c and 113c, compared with the 94c and 149c a share for the corresponding part of 1973.

Appreciably lower prices for copper left Gortdrum making a loss of $C400,000 compared with the first-half's net earnings of $C1.1m.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 11.—On the New York Stock Exchange today gold shares fell sharply while overall the market came under moderate selling pressure. At noon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by only 0.94 at 666.22.

The selling in gold shares followed a report that Mr Simon, the Treasury Secretary, is considering asking Congress to postpone the private ownership of gold beyond the present December 31 target date.—Reuter.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9715			
48.1	21.6	Giants	20.1	22.2	5.80
43.8	22.6	Do Accum	21.1	23.2	5.80
44.7	20.4	Growth	18.9	20.9	6.20
39.2	20.4	Do Accum	19.8	21.8	6.20
46.5	23.7	Income	21.4	23.8	9.20
40.9	25.1	Do Accum	23.2	25.6	9.20
27.2	16.4	Int Accum	15.8	16.8	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
25.3	12.7	Abbey Capital	11.6	12.4	7.37
47.5	20.6	Abbey General	20.5	21.8	5.94
25.0	14.3	Do Income	13.9	14.8	9.94
25.8	14.6	Do Invest	14.4	15.3	6.81
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd, 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2 01-638 6371			
81.3	38.0	Alben Trst*	36.1	38.8	4.01
53.1	27.8	Do Income*	25.9	27.8	9.27
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex 01-588 2851			
71.6	32.6	Allied Capital	32.0	34.1e	6.66
62.7	32.7	Do 1st	32.8	34.9	6.25
63.7	32.5	Brit Ind 2nd	32.1	34.2	8.04
38.9	18.1	Growth & Inc	17.7	18.9	7.77
32.3	15.8	Elec & Ind Dev	15.4	16.4e	7.98
37.6	24.7	Met Min & Cmdty	25.9	27.8e	7.05
58.3	30.4	High Income	30.2	32.2	9.91
38.6	18.7	Equity Income	18.1	19.3	9.61
21.6	14.1	International	16.1	17.1	2.07
35.0	23.0	High Yield Fnd	24.1	25.6	12.00
115.6	49.9	Hambro Fnd	46.5	50.7	8.19
53.7	25.1	Do Income	24.3	25.9	10.40
96.5	45.7	Do Recovery	44.6	47.5	11.95
30.1	11.7	Do Smaller	10.9	11.7	9.52
25.9	13.1	Do Accum	12.9	13.7e	7.33
36.1	15.6	2nd Smaller	14.7	15.7	9.30
50.8	30.4	Secs of America	33.0	35.1	2.84
101.6	91.9	Exempt Fnd	87.8	92.4e	7.70
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd, 1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 4010			
42.4	18.6	Nth American	20.8	23.0	3.85
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd, 252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. and THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th at 10.30 a.m.
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at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
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Burgundy, Hock and "End of Bin" Sale. Catalogue 25p post paid.

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at 2.30 p.m. and
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
at 10.30 a.m.
Pictures by Old Masters. The Properties of The Abbot and Chapter of Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick, The late James Pope-Hennessey, Esq., C.V.O., The Judson-Winfield Collection and others. Catalogue 25p post paid.

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Fine English Pottery and Porcelain. The Properties of Captain John Bastard, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Beauchamp, Mrs. Nancy Lancaster and others. Catalogue (25 plates, including 1 in colour) 90p post paid.

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Japanese Netsuke and other Ivory Carvings. Catalogue (6 plates) 30p post paid.

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at 10.30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
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IN ITALY, AT THE GRAND HOTEL, ROME

TODAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
at 4.30 p.m.
Old Master and Modern Drawings and Prints (Part I).

TODAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
at 9.30 p.m.
Old Master and Modern Paintings and Sculpture (Part II).
Catalogue for both sales £2.00 post paid.

IN SWITZERLAND, AT THE HOTEL RICHEMOND, GENEVA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
at 11 p.m.
Important French Furniture and Objects of Art. Catalogue £2.20 post paid.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
at 3.00 p.m.
Art Nouveau. Catalogue £1.50 post paid.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
at 8.00 p.m.
Fine and Rare Wines. Catalogue 30p post paid.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
at 10.30 p.m.
Important European Silver. Catalogue £2.20 post paid.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
at 3.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.
Important Works of Art by Carl Fabergé, Fine Russian Silver, Niello and Enamels. Catalogue £2.20 post paid.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
at 10.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
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at 7.00 p.m. and THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
at 10.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.
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Fine Old Master Paintings
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English Furniture, Works of Art, European Bronzes, Sculpture and Arts and Crafts Furniture, 1830-1930
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ABROAD: 14th November, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., at Baur au Lac Hotel, Zürich
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Continental Furniture, Works of Art, Tapestries, Textiles and Rugs and Carpets
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Valuable Printed Books including Natural History, Autograph Letters and Literary and Historical Manuscripts
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Fine Netsuke, Inro and Lacquer Wares
including the properties of M. S. Newstead, Esq., D. T. Cook, Esq., and other owners
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Friday the 15th November at 10 a.m.
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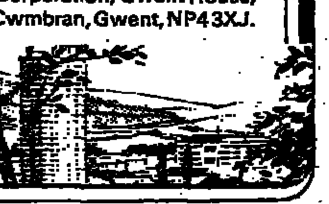

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 3.00 pm, Parents and Children. 3.30, Developments in Social Work.* 4.00, Play School. 4.25, Huckleberry Hound. 4.30, Jackanory. 4.45, The Record Breakers. 5.10, John Craven's Newsround. 5.15, Animal Magic. 5.40, Roobarb. 6.40-7.05, Economics of the Real World.

7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Book Programme.
8.10 Floodlit Rugby League: St Helens v Salford.
9.00 Paper Moon.
9.25 Globe Theatre: A Certain Circumstance (La Circostaza).
11.00 Old Grey Whistle Test.
11.40 The Budget: The Chancellor of the Exchequer.
11.50 News.
12.05-12.10 Leslie Sands reads To His Coy Mistress, by Andrew Marvell.

WALES.—5.15-5.40 p.m., Strim Stram Strellach.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Babar. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Chuckleheads.* 3.05, Crossroads. 3.30, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.40, Film: Marines, Let's Go!, with Tom Tryon, David Hedison. 8.30, And Mother Makes Five. 9.00, Thames. 12.10-12.45 am, Scotland Yard Casebook.*
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Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.15, Hec Ramsey. 9.00, Thames. 11.25-11.55, The Odd Couple.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.03, Country Focus. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, Hawkins. 9.00, Thames. 12.10 am. Prayers.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.23 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Banacek. 8.30, And Mother Makes Five. 9.00-12.10 am, Thames.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 2.30 pm, Housecall. 3.00, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, The Protectors. 7.00, Thames. 7.30, Film: Blowing Wild, with Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyk.* 9.00, Thames. 11.25, Late Call.

Thames

12.00, Mr Trimble. 12.15 pm, Rod Hull and Emu. 12.30, Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Rooms. 2.30, Good Afternoon. 3.00, Looks Familiar. 3.30, The Autumn Budget.

5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.40 Crossroads.
7.05 And Mother Makes Five.
7.35 Film. Mr Inside/Mr Outside with Hal Linden, Tony Lo Bianco.
9.00 Jennie, Lady Randolph Churchill.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Budget. The Chancellor of the Exchequer.
10.40 Fat Man on a Beach, documentary on B. S. Johnson.
11.25 Professional Wrestling.
12.10 am What is Truth? with Dick Taverne.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Paul Burnett. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, David Hamilton. 5.05, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.30, The Organist.† 8.02, Star Sound. 9.02, Hubert Gregg. 9.30, As You Were. 10.00, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride.† 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

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5.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Esther Rantzen.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young. 1.45 pm, Ricochet.† 2.02, Len Jackson.† 3.30, Tony Brandon; Budget Special. 6.30, Waggoners' Walk. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Radio 1. 9.02-10.00, 1,500m only. Boxing: Joe Bugner v Jimmy Ellis. 10.02, John Dunn. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Susato, Handel, Campra.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Berlioz, Spohr, Wagner.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Palestrina at Santa Maria Maggiore.† 9.50, Concert: Brahms.† 10.25, Reading. 10.35, Concert: Part 2 Stravinsky.† 11.20, Schubert Part Songs.† 12.15 pm, Cardiff Midday Prom: Part 1 Nicolai, Mozart.
1.00 News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Midday Prom: Part 2 Dvorak. 2.05, Ravel, talk by Angus Morrison. 2.45, New Records: Arne, John Jenkins, John Blow, Pierre Attaignant, Telemann.† 3.50, Anthony Payne, Dallapiccola.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound, continued.† 6.30, Living Decisions in Family and Community. 7.0, Eminently Victorian. 7.30, Recital: Uto Ughi (violin), Michael Isador (piano)†: Part 1 Tartini, Bach.† 8.10, The Arts Worldwide. 8.30, Recital, Part 2 Franck.† 9.15, The Human Prospect by Robert Heilbroner. 9.55, Curzon Plays Mozart.† 10.30, Play, A Life, by Gabriel Josipovici, with Robert Swann, Frances Jeater.† 11.15, Dufay.† 11.55-12.00, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Travel News. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.25, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.25, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Children's Clothes. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, John Ebdon. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Dr Finlay's Casebook. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Story Time. A Tale of Two Cities. 3.30, Budget Special. 5.00, News Headlines. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, My Word! 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, It's Your Line: 01-580 4411: The Budget, Professor John Vaizey and Professor G. S. A. Wheatcroft. 8.30, Fame is the Spur: John Milton. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight: The Budget, with The Chancellor of the Exchequer. 10.50, A Book at Bedtime: A Shepherd's Life. 11.05, The Financial World Tonight. 11.20, Today in Parliament. 11.35, News. 11.56-11.59, Inshore forecast.

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Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Houseparty. 3.00, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.40, The Protectors. 7.10, Hec Ramsey. 9.00, Thames. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, Film Rails into Laramie, with John Payne, Mari Blanchard, Dan Duryea. 9.00, Thames: 11.25, Border News.

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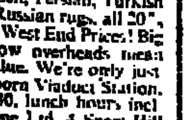

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BIRTHS

BIRKBECK.—On November 11th, at *Wrotham Ward, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich,* to Hermione and John (Tiggy Birkbeck) —a daughter.

BUTCHART.—On November 8th, 1974, at Kingston Hospital, to Sarah (née Walsh) and Jim—a son.

CAVENDISH.—On November 11th at Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney, Australia, to Suzie (née Byrne) and Nick—a son (Charles Troy Compton).

DOWDESWELL.—On November 9th, in Augsburg, West Germany, to Margaret (née Shelley) and Christopher—a son (Simon Mark).

GEORGIADIS.—On Friday, November 8th, 1974, at Westminster Hospital, London, to Katingo (née Pateras) and Alexander Georgiadis—a son (Nicholas).

GODSAL.—On 10th Nov., 1974, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Alison and Michael Godsal—a son.

GROTRIAN.—On November 9th, in Strasbourg, to Sarah (née Allen) and Andrew Grotrian—a daughter (Louisa Mary), sister for Thomas.

HODGKINSON. — On November 10th, at The Avenue Clinic, 12 Avenue Road, N.W.8, to Gina (née Mostyn) and Robert—a son (Dominic Edward).

KING.—On Remembrance Sunday, to Jane (née Lewis) and Jonathan King—the blessing of a daughter.

LU[illegible]—On November 8th, 1974, to Deborah (née Gordon) and Ross, at Kingston Hospital—a daughter, Kirsteen Ann Gordon, sister for Alison.

OSTROUMOFF.—On November 9th at Townslands, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, to Mary (née Fitzhugh) and John Ostroumoff—a son.

PA[illegible]**N.**—On 8th November to Shân and Richard—a daughter.

PEACOCK.—On November 10th 1974, at Greenbank Maternity Hospital, Darlington, to Mary (née Rosher) and Jonathan—a son (Rupert Beauchamp).

RAO.—On November 10th, at Northwick Park Hospital, to Shanta and Satish—a son (Vijay).

RAYER.—On October 25th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Jacqueline and George Rayer—a son (David John), brother for Charles.

SKINNER.—On 8th November, to Helen (née Cordery) and John Skinner—a son (Justin), brother for Piers and Benedict.

ZIMAN.—On November 10th, at the Lindo wing, St. Mary's Hospital, to Joyce and Lawrence—a son (Timothy Michael), brother for Johnathan.

MARRIAGES

MEDLICOTT : HOLDEN.—On November 9, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Thetford, Paul Stephen, third son of Mr and the late Mrs. R. F. Medlicott, of Kings Walden, Hertfordshire, to Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Holden, of Hurst Green, Lancashire.

SKEATES : SOWBY.—On November 8th quietly at St. Peter's Church, Ealing, Alan Edwin Skeates, of The Croft, Ealing, to Anne Mary Sowby, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. W. G. Sowby, of Grainthorpe, Lincolnshire.

SILVER WEDDING

SMELLIE : MOUNTFORD.—On November 12th, 1949, at Christ Church, Linnet Lane, Liverpool, William Smellie to Janet Mountford.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On November 11th, at Hillandale, Wentworth, Surrey, Margaret (Pearl) (née Hazzledine), aged 92, widow of John J. Adams and much loved sister of all her family. Funeral service at Woking Crematorium, 2.30 Thursday, 14th.

ALLEN.—On Nov. 5, in Malta, after a long illness, bravely borne, Marjorie Vining (Midge), wife of the late Donald Allen, formerly of Malaya.

ARMOUR.—On Nov. 10th, 1974, peacefully in the Surrenden Nursing Home, Brighton, Laurence Laidlaw Armour, of 25 Palmeira Square, Hove, husband of Ursula, father of Timothy and David. Cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday, November 14th, at 12 noon. Sprays only, please, to Hanningtons, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex.

BENTLEY.—On November 9th, peacefully at home, Roy Godwin, aged 61, husband of the late Louisa and much loved father of Angela. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Friday, November 15th, at 11.15 a.m. Flowers and enquiries to Ashton Funerals, 140 Alexandra Road, S.W.19, telephone 01-946 1031.

BERMAN.—On 9th Nov. suddenly, Elizabeth May, beloved wife of Humphry David and sister of John Ballik and Kathleen Noble. Funeral service at St. Columba's Church, Pont St., S.W.3, Friday, 15th Nov., at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but donations if desired to the Universal Beneficent Society, 15 Bedford St., W.C.2.

BILDERBECK.—On 10th November, 1974, Josephine Christine, wife of the late Col. A. C. L. O'S. Bilderbeck, I.M.S. Dearest mother of Tony, Josephine and Nigel, and grandmother of Vincent, Rosalind, Catherine and James. Funeral private by her special request, on Wednesday, 13th November. Cut flowers may be sent to Peter Taylor, 135 Unthank Rd., Norwich, by 9.30 a.m.

BLAGG.—On 10th November, 1974, Ethel Mary, aged 89, widow of Thomas Matthews Blagg, of Car Colston, Nottinghamshire. Funeral Friday, 15th, at 2 p.m.

***BLAKE.**—On November 10th, 1974,* Dorothy Maria, aged 87 years, of 3 Castle Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire. Widow of Philip Jesson Blake. Funeral service Bakewell Parish Church, 2.30 p.m. Thursday, November 14th. No flowers. Donations to Bakewell Parish Church, c/o The Vicarage, Bakewell.

BRENCHLEY.—On Nov. 9th, after a long illness, Alice, aged 82, beloved mother of Frank and grandmother of Hilary, Victoria and Clare.

BRIGHTON-VENNING.—On Nov. 8th, peacefully, at Harefield, Gertrude Amelia Martyn, dearly loved friend of the Kearey family, Harrow.

BUTTERFIELD.—On Nov. 10th, 1974, in hospital, Reginald Herbert (aged 55), of Lyndale House, Midhurst, Sussex, very dearly loved and deeply mourned. Funeral service on Friday, Nov. 15th, at 2.45 p.m., at Midhurst Parish Church, followed by private cremation at Chichester Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries to Holland and Son, Jubilee Rd., Chichester.

CAMERON.—On Nov. 7th, 1974, at his home in Cambridge, Charles Graham Cameron, of Fassiefern, in his 78th year, beloved of his late wife Betty, sons Bruce, Malcolm and Neil, grandsons, family and many friends. Funeral service at 1.30 pm., on Thurs., 14th Nov., in the Church of St. Mary The Less, Trumpington St., Cambridge. Flowers may be sent to the Weyman Funeral Home, Abbey Walk, Cambridge.

COLAM.—On November 10th, Jeannette Marion, beloved wife of Brigadier J. A. R. Colam. Cremation private. No letters or flowers, please. Donations if desired to People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

COLYER.—On November 8th, 1974, at his home, Drayton Lodge, Hermitage, Newbury, Brigadier Wilfred John (George) Colyer, beloved husband of Cynthia, father of Bill and Alec. Funeral 3 p.m. Thursday, 14th November, at St Mary's, Chieveley, nr. Newbury. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Ex-Services' Mental Welfare.

COTTER-CRAIG. — On November 7th, 1974, in hospital at Hythe, Kent, Dorothy Gladys, of 30 Westcliff, Whitstable, dearly loved mother of Peter. Service at Barham Crematorium tomorrow, Wednesday, November 13th at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Reprieve, c/o Mrs. J. Furlong, 60 Carlton Hill, Herne Bay, Kent.

CREED.—On 5th November, after a long and courageous fight, Margaret Isabel (Peggy) formerly Ingold (née Campbell) of Wandsworth, London, much loved mother of John and Peter Ingold. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, on 13th November, at 2 p.m.

DELEVINGNE.—On Thursday, November 7th, suddenly and peacefully, Dudley, beloved husband of Angela and father of Venetia, Edward, Charles and Caroline. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced later.

DUNDAS.—On 10th November, 1974, peacefully at home, Dunmore, Comrie, Adèle Blanche, daughter of the late Sir George and Lady Dundas and dearly beloved sister of Sir Robert Dundas, Bart. Funeral service at St. Serf's Church, Comrie, at 2 o'clock on 13th November, thereafter private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation Appeal, Gloucester Place, London.

EASTWOOD.—On November 6th, 1974, peacefully, in hospital, Diana Eastwood, aged 78 years, of Mary's Cottage, Ottways Lane, Ashtead. Cremation took place at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, November 8th.

ELLIS.—On November 6th, 1974, in Salisbury, Rhodesia, Ralph Brian Farebrother, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis, of Oxted, Surrey.

EVANS.—On November 9th, suddenly at 25 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, Dillwyn Evans, F.R.C.S., beloved husband of Dorothy and devoted father of Jane and Kathrin. Resting at Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff, until the private service in the chapel on Thursday, afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff, at 2 p.m. (where friends please meet). Family flowers only.

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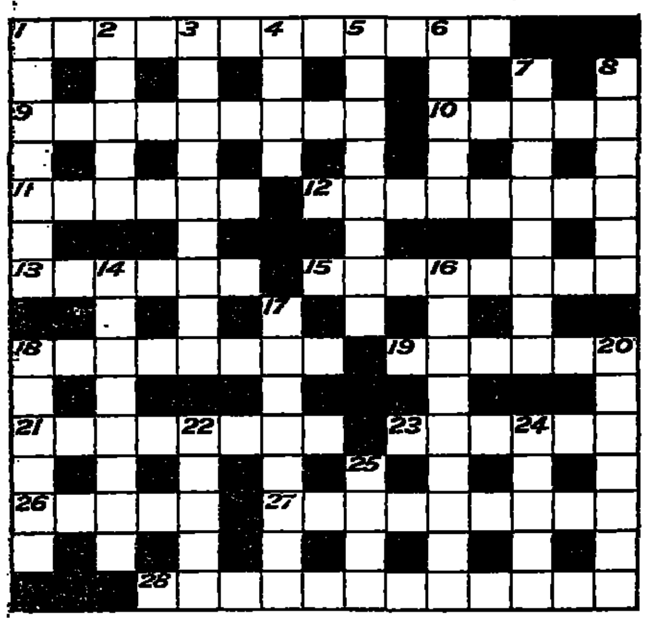
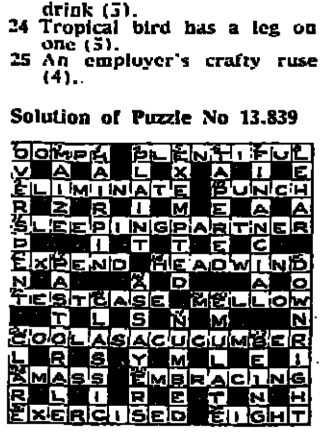


ACROSS
1 Approbation from a lying Irishman ? (3, 2, 3, 4).
9 Someone encouraging us, perhaps to eat and drink (9).
10 Ending love by returning a jewel (5).
11 Catty creature has nothing to do with the church set (6).
12 Praise for the bowler, of course ! (8).
13 Wood has ink mixed in cask (6).
15 Accommodation suited to house hunters, perhaps (8).
18 One of twelve of the fiery fifth (8).
19 Animals go to the porch the back way (6).
21 Breakwater clue is wrong ? Small matter (8).
23 Go about two (6).
26 Some trouble men don't correct (5).
27 Companion shows nothing in case it's a mistake (9).
28 It may reduce ill-feeling, before writing in about nothing (12).

DOWN
1 Leave the bank—is there going to be a row ? (4, 3).
2 Print a quarter of Melville's work (5).
3 Word coined in Giles' moon trip (9).
4 Subject of old German hymn (4).
5 Refreshment place opening in old Merionethshire (8).
6 A lot of people exult over dunderhead (5).
7 Miss foreign notaries' embarrassment (8).
8 Report includes the same savage animal (6).
14 Merrymaker has about £2, always wants a rise (8).
16 Flower holds the means of improving parsnips ? (9).
17 Walker's sound—didn't get drunk (8).
18 This one is oneself (6).
20 He might make a bad inside right (7).
22 Sleuths about to knock back drink (5).
24 Tropical bird has a leg on one (5).
25 An employer's crafty ruse (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,839



DEATHS

EVANS.—On November 10th, peacefully, in hospital, William Jack Evans, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Former Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Memorial service 12 noon Monday, November 25th, at Portsmouth Cathedral.

FIREBRACE.—On 10th November, peacefully, at home, aged 85, Brig. R. C. Firebrace, C.B.E., husband of Esmé. Cremation private.

FLOWER.—On November 9th, 1974, peacefully, at her home, Castle Kings, Dudsbury, near Longham, Dorset, Ada Blanche, aged 92 years, daughter of the late John Walter and Wilhelmina Katie. Funeral service and interment tomorrow, Wednesday, November 13th, 3 p.m., at Wimborne Road Cemetery, Bournemouth. Flowers may be sent to Derle-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Boscombe, Bournemouth.

FOLEY.—On 8th November, suddenly, Major John Foley, M.B.E., M.I.P.R., of 9 Romney Road, New Malden, Surrey. Beloved husband of Betty and dear father of Christopher and Wendy. Service at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Road, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 14th November. Flowers to Fredk. W. Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, Surrey, by 9.15 a.m. Memorial Service to be announced later.

GILL.—On November 10th, 1974, peacefully, at Redhill Hospital, Frank, aged 69, late of Teddington. Cremation Friday, 15th November at Kingston Crematorium at 3.30 p.m. Flowers and enquiries to Frederick W. Paine, Brystan House, Horrice Rd., Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

GULLAND.—On November 8th, 1974, peacefully in hospital, Derrick, very dear husband of Nancy and Father of Sara and Andrew. Cremation Private. At his own wish.

HAIGHTON.—On November 11th, aged 77 years, Arthur (Archie), of Fieldhouse, Rathmell, Yorkshire. Funeral at Rathmell Parish Church on Thursday, November 14th, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please.

HART.—On November 8th, peacefully, at Dean Farm, Jordans, Vivien, wife of the late Tristram Hart, in her 90th year. Funeral Service 11 a.m. *Thursday, 14th* November, at Seer Green Parish Church.

HEINEMANN.—On 8th November in her home, peacefully, after a long illness, Maria Elizabeth, dearly beloved mother of Daisy and Helga.

HUFTON.—On November 11th, after a long illness, Philip Arthur Hufton, C.B., of The Old Coach House, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, former deputy director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday, November 14th, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers may be sent to John Steel & Son, Ltd., Funeral Directors, Winchester, by 9.15 a.m.

JESSOP.—On November 9th, 1974, Muriel, of Harrington, Spilsby, wife of the late Thomas Jessop. Much loved mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral private. No mourning. No flowers. Thanksgiving service at St. Mary's Church, Harrington, on Friday, November 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

KEBLE.—On 9th November 1974, *peacefully in hospital,* Helen Cecilia Mary of 498?, Cordova Bay Road, Victoria, B.C., Canada. Beloved mother of Anthony, wife of the late W. T. (Tom) Keble, former headmaster, St. Thomas's Preparatory School, Ceylon, and sister of Charles and Millicent Bagot.

LOVEYS.—On November 9th peacefully, John Loveys, M.C., in his 90th year at his home, Ramblers Rise, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. Funeral private. No flowers at his request.

LUKYN-WILLIAMS.—On November 9th, 1974, peacefully, in his 92nd year, the Rev Arthur Oswald Lukyn-Williams, M.A., of 90 Grantchester Meadows, Cambridge. Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Cambridge, on Thursday, November 14th, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to W. Eden Willie, Private Chapel, Mill Lane, Cambridge.

MacDONALD.—On Nov. 8th, peacefully, in London, in his 81st year, J. Carlisle, deeply beloved *husband of Dorothy and father* of Joan, John and Patricia. Funeral private. Burial in United States.

MARSAGLIA.—On November 8th, in his 74th year, at San Remo, Amendeo Erasmus (Doctor), husband of Anna (née Winkfield) and dearly beloved father of Maria Antonia. Enquiries to Marsaglia, 40, Norfolk Road, Brighton, Sussex.

MOON.—On November 9th, 1974, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Neville, aged 63 years, of The Old Rectory, Great Hormead. Funeral private: memorial service to be announced.

MURRAY.—On 11th November after a short illness Agnes, of 25 Canonbury Park North, beloved sister and friend.

OCCLESTON.—On 9th November, 1974, Evelyn Isobel Elizabeth, of Uplands, Sandhurst, Camberley, aged 100, widow of Lt. Colonel S. Vernon Occleston, late Captain 11th (P.A.O.) Hussars. Eldest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Auchterlonie Drew, of *Fallowfield, Manchester.* Funeral service at Woking Crematorium 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 16th November. Family flowers only, please.

PALMES.—On November 10th, 1974, Commander G. B. Palmes, D.S.O., R.N., of Naburn Hall, Naburn, York. Died in his 91st year. Funeral private. No flowers, or letters.

REED.—On November 6th, suddenly, R. A. (Buster) Reed, late of St. Paul's School. Service, Mortlake Crematorium, Tuesday, November 19th, at 12.45 p.m. Details of Memorial Service will be given later.

RICHARDSON.—On 9th November, 1974, peacefully, at Littlebourne House nursing home, Rachael Edith, aged 76, widow of Col. J. J. Richardson, D.S.O., 13/18 Royal Hussars (Q.M.O.). Funeral Wednesday, 13th November, 3.30 p.m., at St. Vincent's Church, Littlebourne. Cut flowers only, please, to Lyons Funeral Service, 70 Military Road, Canterbury.

RICHEY.—On Saturday, 9th November, 1974, peacefully at Warwick, Margaret Fitzgerald Richey, D.Litt. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Warwick, on Wednesday, 13th November, at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation at the mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, at Oakley Wood South Chapel, at 12 noon. No flowers, by request.

ROWLANDS.—On November 8th, 1974, suddenly at her home in Epping, Ann Patricia Rowlands, much loved wife of Martyn and mother of Ceinwen Glynn and Dylan. Funeral service 2.45 p.m. November 15th, 1974, at St. John's Church, Epping. No flowers or letters. Donations to the Heart Foundation.

SMITH.—On November 8th, in his sleep, Vernon Edward Farley Smith, late of North Lodge, The Park, Nottingham. Service St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, Thursday, November 14th, at 11.45 a.m., followed by interment. No flowers please. Dona*tions in lieu to The Injured* Jockeys Fund, Knebworth, Herts.

STEVENSON, Douglas Carruth.—On Monday, November 11th November, peacefully, after a short illness at Wimbledon Hospital, beloved husband of Nan and much loved father of Margaret. Funeral family only. No flowers, please.

STUART.—On November 10, 1974, in hospital, Roy Ronaldson, dearly beloved husband of Pamela, of Holmdale, Holmbury St. Mary and 61 Thetford Road, New Malden. Cremation strictly private. Memorial Service to be announced. No flowers, no mourning. Donations, if desired, to the Royal School for the Deaf, Margate. R.I.P.

SUTHERLAND.—At Hertford East Hospital, on 10th November, in his 47th year, the Rev Richard More, son of the late Dr Halliday and Mrs Sutherland, chaplain of Poles Convent, Ware. Requiem Mass Friday, 15th November, 11.30 a.m., at Poles Convent, Ware, followed by interment there.

WELLESZ, EGON JOSEF, on 9th November, 1974, in his 90th year. Requiem Mass, Wednesday, 13th November, St. Aloysius, Oxford, 10.45 a.m. Cremation Oxford Crematorium 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only.

WHADCOAT. BUNTY, Northfield, Cold Overton, Rutland, after years of illness, on 7th November. Loved by all, now greatly missed. No flowers, please, but small donations anonymously to Fords of Oakham for MS Research greatly appreciated.

WINTERTON.—On 9th November, 1974, suddenly, at Shillinglee, the Rt Hon Monica Countess Winterton. Funeral Kirdford 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 15th November.

WOODHAMS, ELSIE (née Blackburn) in sweet and tender memory of our aunt: a gentle and loving lady who left us on November 9th at St. Theresa's Nursing Home, Southbourne. Maisie and Barry Rattray. Funeral Wednesday, 13th Nov., 4 p.m. at Bournemouth Crematorium.

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